

Growing Spiritually

Text: 1 Pet. 2:1-3 (2 Pet. 3:18)

I. It's a Matter of Dropping Some Things (v.1).

A. Malice--that is, a revengeful spirit, a get-even attitude

- 1. We should never justify it.**
- 2. We should never excuse it.**
- 3. We should never rename it.**
- 4. We should never tolerate it.**

B. Guile--that is, a sly, sneaky, subtle spirit

C. Hypocrisies--that is, pretending to be something we're not; assuming a false virtue or face.

D. Envy--that is, the feelings of uneasiness at the success of others

E. Evil speaking--that is, speaking slanderously behind another's back, backbiting

II. It's a Matter of Desiring Some Things (v.2)

A. The word of God

B. The will of God

C. The work of God

D. The ways of God

E. The worship of God