

We must develop the ability to challenge ourselves. This is so very important. There is a thrill to being challenged that is hard for me to describe, and unless we find that thrill we may never have what it takes to grow. As Robert Browning said, 'A man's reach must exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?'

We must learn how to work at our spiritual strength so that we grow stronger and stronger. Much of the Bible is concerned with our spiritual growth, even though you wouldn't find that out through the use of the concordance. Living the Christian life means that you are constantly trying to improve yourself. You must get better and better until you die.

Isn't that an interesting phrase? It is almost like a contradiction. It reminds me of the story of the man who tried to break his mule from eating. He just about had the animal broken when the mule up and died! But as a Christian we continue to grow spiritually until we die physically. And in that physical death we begin a spiritual life for eternity. Let us strive to reach our peak at death!