

## 3.3-1 Spiritual Discipline

The Bible is clear that for the believer, there is a spiritual growth curve. The apostle Peter encourages us to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Entering into a faith relationship with Jesus is the beginning of the Christian life. Growing is a process that requires the believer to participate in a set of behaviors that are designed to open our lives up to the influence of God’s Spirit on our attitudes and actions. It is the goal of the faculty and staff of CCCB to encourage and provide opportunities for those who participate in our campus community to be built up in this process. Our goal is not that every student becomes perfect in their spiritual growth but for each student to be able to demonstrate some growth while they share their lives in this community.

A community can be a vital link in helping the student overcome the pull of the world. Students may come to college here struggling with a habit or sin, which is holding them back from their full spiritual potential. By participating in close fellowship, which includes confession, repentance, and other spiritual disciplines, the student may find the key to real spiritual growth. Students, as well as college personnel, are encouraged to report ALL incidents where the Code of Conduct has been violated. Sometimes it will not be necessary to report the name of the persons involved but calling the issues to the attention of administration is imperative. When a student self-reports, the Restorative Discipline process is expedited, and every effort is made to restore the student to the community and provide accountability.

The believer who is experiencing this kind of growth will demonstrate this growth by an increase in the “fruits,” which show Christian character. “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things, there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.” (Galatians 5:22–24, ESV)