

CHAPTER SEVEN

THE GOD OF GROWTH

“Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.” – John 15:2 KJV



God is not static. He is ever-progressive, ever-productive, ever-growing. He is a **God of growth**. In His divine economy, growth is not optional; it is essential. From the first breath of creation to the final Amen of Revelation, God reveals His desire for fruitfulness and increase in every life He touches.

Growth is the transition from **potential** to **productivity**, from **seed** to **fruit**, from **being** to **becoming**. When God said to man in Genesis 1:28, “Be fruitful, and multiply . . .,” it wasn't just a call to reproduction—it was a divine mandate to **develop, expand, influence, and become all He created you to be**. A tree that doesn't grow cannot bear fruit; likewise, a man who resists growth cannot fulfil destiny.

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Even Jesus the very Son of God, modelled this divine principle:

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.” – Luke 2:52

If Christ submitted to the process of growth to accomplish His assignment, then no man is exempt from this divine order. Salvation is the doorway to destiny, but growth is the **pathway to manifestation**. Romans 8:19 declares:

“For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.”

But the sons of God cannot manifest without maturity. Growth is what transforms you from a believer to a builder, from a receiver to a releaser, from a follower to a leader in the Kingdom agenda.

Some Areas for Growth

Spiritual Growth:

“And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.” – Luke 2:40

To grow spiritually is to mature in your relationship with God. It means being rooted in His Word, shaped by His Spirit, and anchored in His presence. Spiritual growth doesn't happen by accident; it is cultivated by intentional spiritual exercises:

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- **Prayer:** **This is** your lifeline to Heaven. It deepens intimacy and aligns your will to His. Prayer builds your inner man and sharpens your spiritual senses. This exercise is sometimes called the secret place where relationship with the Creator deepens. The more time spent in prayer, particularly praying in the spirit, the more spiritual capacity is being built, and maturity in spiritual things begin to formulate.
- **Worship:** it is heart poured out to the Father in love and reverence. Worship magnifies God and minimizes distractions. It brings divine encounters.
- **Study:** Scripture is the manual for spiritual growth. Through it, you discover your identity, inherit divine promises, and build your faith.
- **Fellowship:** Iron sharpens iron. Gathering with other believers, fuels encouragement, accountability, and spiritual synergy.

Without these disciplines, growth stagnates. But through them, the life of Christ is formed in you.

Relational Growth:

“If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.” –

Romans 12:18

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Relational growth is evidence of spiritual maturity. It means learning to interact with people in love, truth, patience, and humility. According to **Galatians 5:22–23**, the fruit of the Spirit—**love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control**, are not just personal traits; they are **relational tools**.

- **Love** makes you approachable.
- **Joy** makes you attractive.
- **Peace** makes you dependable.
- **Patience** makes you tolerable.
- **Gentleness** makes you teachable.
- **Self-control** makes you trustworthy.

When these qualities mature in you, you reflect the character of Christ and become a bridge, not a barrier, to the gospel.

Mental or Intellectual Growth:

“Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.” – **Proverbs 23:23**

God is not glorified in ignorance. He desires that His children be sound in mind, well-informed, and intellectually equipped to dominate in life. Hosea 4:6 reminds us: *“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...”*

There are three phenomena associated with mental or intellectual growth, this includes Knowledge, Understanding, and Wisdom. To further explain these phenomena:

Knowledge (Information) – This is your intake. Learn. Read. Ask. Observe. Seek out truth.

Understanding (Comprehension) – This is your interpretation. Go beyond surface learning. Meditate. Digest. Reflect.

Wisdom (Application) – This is your output. Apply what you know and understand. Wisdom produces visible results. Let your mind be renewed and sharpened. For as you think, so you are (Proverbs 23:7). Your mental growth determines the altitude of your destiny.

Influential Growth:

“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice...” – **Proverbs 29:2**

God is seeking Kingdom ambassadors in **media, politics, education, business, entertainment, and family**. Influence is not a luxury; it is a **mandate** for those who bear His name. It is time for the children of God to rise and shape culture, not be shaped by it.

- **Daniel** rose in political power, influencing kings and shifting national decrees in favor of God's agenda (Daniel 6).
- **Joseph of Arimathea**, a man of wealth and voice, played a vital role in the burial and resurrection story of Jesus.

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- **Caleb and Joshua** brought a report of faith and secured their generation's entrance into the Promised Land (Numbers 14).

Influential growth allows you to **stand in the gap** for nations, industries, and generations. When you grow in influence, you become a **vessel for God's will** in practical affairs.

REFLECTIONS

- The more you grow in God, the less you depend on man.
- Don't be the only one saying God is not faithful, align quickly; the earlier the better.
- When God chooses to build a man, He will ensure He is the only door the man sees.
- When you settle for less, you do not acknowledge the presence of the Sovereign God in your life.
- In your walk with God, your dependency on Him reflects how long you can cope outside your secret place.
- The more you seek God and His ways, the more you activate premium subscription in your relationship with Him.
- There is only one covetousness approved by God; the gifts of the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:31

“While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest... shall not cease.” –
Genesis 8:22

Your growth is your seed. Your fruitfulness is your harvest.