



The Growing Man

I Cor 13:11=>
II Timothy 2:15=>
II Peter 1:5-10=>



Psalms 92:12-15=> The Righteous shall Flourish like a Palm Tree. He shall Grow like a Cedar in Lebanon. Those who are Planted in the House of the Lord shall Flourish in the Courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age – They shall be Fresh and Flourishing. To Declare that the Lord is Upright. He is my Rock and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

I Timothy 4:12-18=> Let no one Despise your youth but be an Example to the Believers in word, in Conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not Neglect the Gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things – Give Yourself Entirely to them – that your Progress may be evident to all. Take heed to yourself and to the Doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

**Whatever Goal You Accomplish in 2011 –
Whatever Change You Successfully Make in 2011 -
Whatever Summit You Climb or Destination You Reach in 2011 -
They are NOT as Important as WHAT You Become Through the Process or Journey.**

Some Simple Ways To Keep Growing:

1. **Grow _____ where you are.**
 - Don't say when I get to the next level then I will grow. Do it today – Faith is Now.
 - What your ultimately going to be you are becoming today.
 - Broaden your influence by looking actively for ways to expand your skills, gifts, and abilities.
2. **Grow _____ around you.**
 - Many times, they will take you with them, other times you will take them with you.
 - But you can't go together if you don't keep growing together.
 - This is true in business and family.
3. **Grow your area of _____.**
 - Be a producer – a problem solver – the go to guy to get things done.
 - Ask God for Wisdom – Creativity – Ideas and work smarter and not necessarily harder.....Life of Joseph.
 - Take on tough assignments that no one else want to tackle – it might be just what you need to widen your scope of responsibility.....Life of Daniel.
4. **Let Growth be your _____.**
 - Don't rely on office politics, family connections, personal friendships, or length of employment to move you to the next level – Let Growth be your ultimate promoter.

Learn to Work Harder on Yourself than you do on your Job.

Since that time I've been working on my own personal development. And I must admit that this has been the most challenging assignment of all. This business of personal development and growth lasts a lifetime.

You see, what you become is far more important than what you get. The important question to ask on the job is not, "What am I getting?" Instead, you should ask, "What am I becoming?" Getting and becoming are like Siamese twins: What you become directly influences what you get. Think of it this way: Most of what you have today you have attracted by becoming the person you are today.

I've also found that income rarely exceeds personal development. Sometimes income takes a lucky jump, but unless you learn to handle the responsibilities that come with it, it will usually shrink back to the amount you can handle.

If someone hands you a million dollars, you'd better hurry up and become a millionaire. A very rich man once said, "If you took all the money in the world and divided it equally among everybody, it would soon be back in the same pockets it was before."

It is hard to keep that which has not been obtained through personal development.

So here's the great axiom of life - TO HAVE MORE THAN YOU'VE GOT, BECOME MORE THAN YOU ARE--

Here's The Key – The Most Important Factor To Be Successful in Every Area of Life is Growth.

- If we keep growing, we will be able to build any company
- If We Keep Growing our Marriage will Keep Growing & Be Stronger.
- If We Keep Growing People Will Seek You Out & Pay for your Growth!
- IF WE KEEP GROWING OUR _____ KEEPS GROWING – Never Stop Growing!
- Truth is - We don't need a list of career goals to keep us moving forward; We just need to keep growing. That's because our goals do not insure our future--our growth does.



Let's Look At Some Common Growth Killers:

Scriptures:

John 10:10=> The thief does not come except to Steal, and to Kill, and to Destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

John 14:30=> I will no longer talk much with you, for the Ruler of this world is coming, & he has nothing in Me.

I Peter 58-9=> Be Sober – Be Vigilant – Because your Adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, Steadfast in the Faith.

I Thess 2:17-18=> But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored more eagerly to see your face with great desire. Therefore, we wanted to come to you – even I, Paul, time and again – but Satan Hindered us.

II Cor 2:11=> Lest Satan Should Take Advantage of us, for we are not ignorant of his Devices.

II Cor 10:4-5=> For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but might in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

1. Missing The Power of Small _____:

- Today is the day of Salvation – There is Simply no substitute for Action – So Begin to Implement today no matter how small a step it may be.
- Throughout the Scriptures you will find the Power of God Connected to People who took Action.
- _____ Things are always preceded by small action.
- Anything that Sits _____. In Action will always result in the Death of Something.
- The Bible Tells us to not despise the day of small beginnings – Deal With Acorns in your life before they become an oak tree.
- Great Results Proceed from Little Causes – If we don't use what we Got we _____ what we got.



We Live in a Culture of People who are Informational Gathers – They Study – They Gather – They Collect – They Dissect – They Look At Everything From Every Different Angle and At the End of the Day they stand Paralyzed in Complete Inaction.

They Are Loaded With Ideas – Loaded With Dreams – Loaded With Concepts and Information from Every Conceivable Source and at the End of the Day there is No Change in their Life....Simply B/C they have Lost One of the Absolute Key Ingredients to Life and that is Action.

Matthew 25:14-30=> Parable of the Talents:

- 1> **My Question To You** – Why Did the Man with the One Talent Go & Bury The One Talent He Had?
- Most People Will Say that He Went & Buried It B/C Of Fear – But That Is Not the Real Reason He Buried It – That was the Result – The Real Reason is same Reason that Christians Are Inactive Today.
 - He Buried It For The Same Reason We Create In-Activity Today - He Buried It B/C It Was Too Small to Matter – It was Too Insignificant – He Consider It of No Value – He Didn't Understand the Power of Small Things.
 - And B/C He Looked at His Talent – His Dream – His Idea – His Ability and thought it was too small and too insignificant to make a difference – He Buried It. And by the Sheer Nature of Burying It – It Dies – We Lose It – IF WE DON'T USE WHAT WE GOT WE LOSE WHAT WE GOT.....



In The Athletic Circles – There is a Runners 2nd Wind:
 • It's When You Keep Running, Running, & Running....
 • And After A While You Feel Like You Have Exerted Everything You Can and You Feel Like You Are Going to Run Out & All of a Sudden Your 2nd Wind Kicks In.
 • And Instead of Running Out – You Run Into a Power that was Always There but Never Showed Up Until You Gave It Your All!

There Is A Story Found in the O.T. – About a Man Named Elijah who Out-ran the Kings Chariots & the Kings Horses:

- Now A Horse May Run Around 40-MPH and a Man May Run from 7-10 MPH. A Man For Sure Cannot Out Run A Horse and Chariot.
- **Here Is The Principle** – Elijah Ran as Fast as He Could Run & When He Ran As Fast As He Could Run – He Didn't Run Out – He Ran Into What God Could Do & HE OUTRAN THE KING'S CHARIOT.

The Power Of Action is This:

- Whatever You Do in Life – Do It With All Your Might - Do It With Everything You Have – And when You Do It With Everything You Got – You Won't Run Out of What You Got – You Will Run Into a Supply that was there all the time waiting to come to your Aid – But was Never Released to Come to Your Aid until You Gave It Everything You Got.....That's The Power of Action!
- **Remember** – Little Hinges Swing Big Doors - Little Things Always Make Big Things Happen.



What Little Thing Have You Overlooked.....

- Maybe It's Re-Establishing a Relationship – Maybe It's Going Back To School – Maybe It's a Phone Call.
- Maybe It's A Note To Write – Maybe It's Reading – Maybe It's Eating Healthier – Maybe It's Exercise.
- Maybe It's a Trip with Your Son – Maybe It's A Weekend Away With Your Spouse – Mission Trip.
- Maybe It's A Idea that You Need To Put A Plan To - Maybe It's A Goal – Maybe It's Organizational.
- **Make a Decision To Write It Down** – And Put a Date on When You are Going to Start – And Put Action Steps Behind It and a Date To Measure It and A Date to Finish It.

1. You Cannot _____ What You Cannot Measure.

- If growth in a certain area is essential to your success, you have to find a way to measure your improvement in that area. Otherwise, you won't improve.

2. Nothing Becomes Dynamic Until it Becomes _____.

- And there is No Urgency Upon Anything Until You Put a Date On When You Want To begin Something and A Date You Want to Finish It – And until We Begin to Do That You and I Will Never Take Action.



Declarations Just For Today –

Just For Today – I will Seek After God's Will in My Life!

Just For Today – I will Display a Positive Attitude

Just For Today – I will Encourage One Person.

Just For Today – I will Look into God's Word for Wisdom.

Just For Today – I will Live Out My Convictions.

Just For Today – I will Deepen & Live out My Faith!

Just For Today – I will Act on Important Priorities!

Just For Today – I will Follow Healthy Guidelines!

Just For Today – I will Communicate with my Family!

Just For Today – I will Invest in God-Joined Relationships!

Just For Today – I will Make & Keep Proper Commitments.

Just For Today – I will Live Like Christ!

Just For Today – I will Earn & Properly Manage Finances!

Just For Today – I will Find Opportunities to be Generous.

Just For Today – I will be a Faithful Man.

Just For Today – I will Grow Myself so I can Grow Others!

Just For Today – I will Act on these Decisions & Practice these Disciplines....And Then, One Day in My Due Season - I will Reap the Compounding Results of a Day Lived to It's Fullest!

Time is the great equalizer of all mankind. It has taken away the best and the worst of us without regard for either. Time offers opportunity but demands a sense of urgency. When the game of life is finally over, there is no second chance to correct our errors. The clock that is ticking away the moments of our lives does not care about winners and losers. It does not care about who succeeds or who fails. It does not care about excuses, fairness or equality. The only essential issue is how we played the game.

Regardless of a person's current age, there is a sense of urgency that should drive them into action now - this very moment. We should be constantly aware of the value of each and every moment of our lives - moments that seem so insignificant that their loss often goes un-noticed. We still have all the time we need. We still have lots of chances - lots of opportunities - lots of years to show what we can do. For most of us, there will be a tomorrow, a next week, a next month, and a next year. But unless we develop a sense of urgency, those brief windows of time will be sadly wasted, as were the weeks and months and years before them. There isn't an endless supply - So as you think of your dreams and goals of your future tomorrow, begin today to take those very important first steps to making them all come to life.

Answers To Blanks – Now, Those, Responsibility, Promoter, Future, Action, Great, Dies, Lose, Manage, Specific,