

Growing People Change

John 15:1-5 / Luke 19:1-10

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Spiritual growth is inevitable for those that follow and seek after God. It is often not a sudden miraculous change, but rather a gradual and consistent change in our life that more mirrors the life of Christ. In order to experience spiritual growth that is lasting, deep, radical, and permanent - you must understand that it is...

1. **A Nature** - it naturally follows an encounter with Christ
2. **A Pattern** - it becomes something that we model in our life.
3. **A Process** - not all at once, it is ongoing - something we learn.

We have instructions for a changed life: The Bible.

- The Bible is about human life _____.
- You were made for a _____ life.

John 15:1-5 - *Insight for Change.*

Engage our Hearts & Minds:

1. How many times a day can I surrender my _____ & _____ to God?
2. The best place and time to start doing life with God is _____ & _____ - there's no reason to wait.
3. Growth is a _____ not a _____
4. If you aren't _____ you are _____ (spiritually)

Example of Change: Luke 19:1-10 || From one life to New Life. (180)

Notes:

John 15:1-5

1. Change begins at _____. (Vs2, "in me")

- Old becomes new, lost is found, change is started. (The grafting)
- Change begins but is not complete.
- We find life in Christ - "I am the way, truth, life" - Jesus.

2. Expect periods of _____(Vs2)

- The Lord disciplines the one he loves and punishes every son He receives - Hebrews 12:6
- When we stop bearing fruit - (sin often at root) expect pruning.

3. As we Grow & Change we find a place of _____

(Vs3-4)

- The beauty of being called sons & daughters of God.
- I am His and He is mine.
- Rejection turns to Rejoicing in the True Vine.

4. Change happens _____ with God. (Vs 5)

- No Never Alone - God is always with us.
- We are incapable of spiritual change without God.
- On my own, I can accomplish nothing good (Isa. 64:6)
- God changes our lives. (Phil. 2:13)

5. Just _____. (Vs5) - *"The one who remains"*

6. We can do _____ apart from Him.

- A real "Duh!" Moment.
- We try - we fail.
- He speaks and it happens.

How To Grow: (Practical Applications)

1. Read Your Bible
2. Don't skip worship together | Total Worship
3. Get involved in community groups (small groups)