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God Produces Growth

May Series: Built Different

Week Focus: Built to Produce

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 3:6–7

“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.”

Devotional Reflection

One of the greatest lessons in spiritual growth is recognizing who is responsible for the growth. Paul reminds us that people may plant and water, but God is the One who causes growth. While we have a responsibility to remain faithful, obedient, and connected to Him, we do not have the power to produce transformation on our own. Growth is ultimately God’s work. This truth brings both humility and freedom to the journey of faith.

Many people become discouraged because they focus too much on measuring progress. They evaluate themselves constantly, wondering if they are growing fast enough, changing enough, or producing enough fruit. But spiritual growth is not a competition and it is not a performance. God never asked you to make yourself grow; He asked you to remain faithful while He does the work within you. When you understand this, you can stop striving and start trusting.

This does not mean your role is unimportant. Planting, watering, praying, reading Scripture, worshiping, and obeying God all matter greatly. These practices position your life to receive what God wants to do. Just as a farmer prepares the soil but cannot force a seed to grow, you can create space for growth without controlling the outcome. God works through your faithfulness to accomplish His purpose in His timing.

Sometimes growth feels slow because God is developing things that cannot be rushed. Character, wisdom, faith, patience, and spiritual maturity are formed over time. The seasons when you feel like little is happening are often the seasons when God is doing some of His deepest work. What appears invisible today may become obvious tomorrow. God’s timing is always connected to His purpose.

Today, release the pressure to produce your own growth. Focus on remaining faithful in the things God has called you to do. Trust Him with the process, the timing, and the outcome. The God who began a good work in you is still working, and He is fully capable of bringing that work to completion.

Focus for Today

God is responsible for the growth.

Practice

- Thank God for the growth He is producing in your life
 - Focus on faithfulness rather than comparison
 - Trust God's timing in an area where you desire growth
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Prayer

Lord, thank You that I do not have to carry the burden of producing growth on my own. Help me remain faithful and trust You to continue the work You have begun in me. In Jesus name, Amen.

Reflection Question

Where do I need to trust God more with the process of growth in my life?