



Spiritual Growth Sunday

Now Is the Time to Grow

Luke 8:4-8, 11-15

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⁴ While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable:

⁵ “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, **some fell along the path**; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up.

⁶ **Some fell on rocky ground**, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. ⁷ **Other seed fell among thorns**, which grew up with it and choked the plants. ⁸ Still **other seed fell on good soil**.

It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.”

When he said this, he called out, **“Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”**

¹¹ “This is the meaning of the parable: **The seed is the word of God.**

¹² **Those along the path** are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ Those on **the rocky ground** are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. ¹⁴ **The seed that fell**

among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. ¹⁵ But **the seed on good soil** stands for those with **a noble and good heart**, who **hear** the word, **retain** it, and by **persevering** produce a crop.

Conscious Desire to Grow

1 Peter 2:2

² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, **so that by it you may grow up in your salvation**, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Committed Effort to Grow

Hebrews 5:13-14

¹³ Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. ¹⁴ But **solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves** to distinguish good from evil.

Connected Support to Grow

Ephesians 4:15-16

¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, **we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head**, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, **as each part does its work.**

Consistent Participation to Grow

Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴ And let us consider how we may **spur one another on** toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ **not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing**, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Church Resources to Grow

Adult Discipleship Programs

Youth Ministry

Children’s Ministry

Pastoral Staff & Elders