

Abiding In God's Word

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Growth represents change and change represents growth. Have you ever seen a plant that is green and flourishing? It is amazing how its growth is obvious to everyone. For the Christian, our life should be growing and changing. The question is how does this happen? The Word of God plays a very important part in our growth. Jesus used the story of seed, time, and harvest to show how God's Word works. In Mark 4:26-27, He says, "So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; and should sleep, and rise night and day, the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how."

For spiritual growth to occur, it is essential that the Word is planted in our hearts. The Word of God in our heart makes the difference. You can know the Word, quote the Word, and know where it is found in the Bible, but you must make sure that the Word is in your heart. Once the seed is planted in our heart, it will naturally produce fruitfulness in our lives. The Word will transform us. So it is up to us to cherish, honor, and consistently plant His Word in our hearts. We can't have a harvest without planting seeds, so do not overlook the process of seed, time, and harvest.