



Tree of *Righteousness*

Growing up toward the Light

★ BIBLE STUDY GUIDE ★

Why do I want to Learn?

When we get together to learn more about God, we do so for one primary reason: TO HAVE A CHANGED HEART.

Knowledge and information alone is not the goal. The purpose of learning is: TRANSFORMATION.

We gain knowledge of God so that our relationship with Him may deepen. As our relationship with Him grows, our lives begin to change, and that change becomes visible to those around us.

God's desire is not merely that we know about Him. His desire is that we know Him.

Rooted and Grounded

The better we know God, the more deeply rooted and grounded we become in Him.

Life will bring storms. Every believer will face seasons of difficulty, uncertainty, disappointment, and testing. The difference is not whether storms come. The difference is whether our roots are deep enough to withstand them.

When we know God personally, we discover that our confidence is not in circumstances but in Him. We learn to remain standing because He remains faithful.

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord...”

J E R E M I A H 17 : 7 - 8

Living as Citizens of the Kingdom

When we accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit awakens and cleanses our spirit and begins a lifelong work within us.

The Christian life is not merely about receiving salvation. It is also about allowing God to shape us into the people He created us to be.

This transformation does not happen automatically. It happens as we walk daily with Him.

A garden left unattended soon becomes overgrown. In the same way, our hearts require ongoing attention, obedience, and surrender to God.

The Word of God and Faith

The greatest way to know God is through the scriptures.

As we read scripture, we learn His character, His ways, His promises, and His purposes. Yet reading alone is not enough. God calls us to put His instructions into practice.

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only.”

J A M E S 1 : 2 2

“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

R O M A N S 1 0 : 1 7

“Without faith it is impossible to please Him.”

HEBREWS 11:6

The more we read about God, the more we come to know Him. And the more deeply we know Him, the more confidently we can trust Him. This growing knowledge of who God is, His character, His faithfulness, and His promises strengthens our faith.

Scripture tells us that without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith is the means by which we trust Him, receive from Him, and walk in obedience to Him. When we place our faith in God, we make room for Him to work in our hearts and lives according to His perfect will.

It is Time to Blossom and bear Fruit

There was a time in my life, around 2010, when God told me that it was time to blossom. I didn't quite understand what He meant by it at first, but as time went on, God explained it to me.

Blossoms give off a sweet-smelling fragrance. God wants us to give off a sweet-smelling fragrance to others. People must be drawn to us like bees to blossoms – to Christ in us. We need to attract people by the way we live and portray ourselves. When they are in our company, we must be like a sweet-smelling fragrance to them.

Then one day, about a year or so after that, I was busy in the kitchen, minding my own business. I remember it as if it were yesterday. I opened the cupboard, and as I reached out to get something, I clearly heard God's voice in my heart:

“It is time for you to mature.”

At first, I felt a little embarrassed. I need to mature? Really?

For about three weeks, I walked with these words, not sure what to make of them. I played them over and over again in my head. Then God decided it was time to tell me what He meant.

He said: “I need you to mature so that you can bear fruit.”

First the blossom, and then the fruit. The blossom becomes the fruit.

AN IMPORTANT THOUGHT

The blossom is the promise of the fruit!

Blossoms are beautiful, but their purpose is not simply to be admired.

A blossom carries the promise of the fruit.

God's desire is not merely that we look mature, sound mature, or appear spiritual. His desire is that Christ be formed within us and that His life be seen through us.

Fruit does not appear overnight. It develops quietly over time as the tree remains rooted, nourished, and connected to its source.

The same is true in our walk with God.

Growth may be slow, but healthy growth is always producing something of eternal value.

In this study, we will look at the garden of the heart. We will consider what it means to become trees of righteousness: preparing the soil, strengthening the roots, pulling out weeds, and allowing the Lord to do what is necessary so that our lives may blossom and bear fruit in every season.

REMAIN

Growing in His Presence

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ROOTED
in His Word

2



CONNECTED
to the Vine

3



FAITHFUL
through every season

4



FRUITFUL
in His time



Abide. Grow. Bear fruit for His glory.

Opening Prayer

My God, my Father in heaven,

May You bless my heart and mind to be open to what You want to teach me. Continually prepare the soil of my heart by Your Spirit so that Your seeds would fall into good soil, take root, grow, and bear fruit in my life.

Let me not be a person with a hardened heart or a careless heart. Help me to understand what You are saying and protect the seed planted within me so that the evil one will not come and snatch it away.

Bless my eyes and ears that I may truly see and hear. Give me understanding. Bless my heart to receive Your word and let me be rooted in You with strength, vision, and steadfastness. Not only for my own sake, but for those close to me and those I meet along the way.

Your Kingdom come and Your will be done in my life.

Amen