

Title: The Key to Growth
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Word

The original plan

Genesis 1:26-28

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

The restored plan

John 15:1-8

¹ "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ **Abide in Me**, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it **abides in the vine**, neither can you, unless you **abide in Me**. ⁵ "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who **abides in Me**, and I in **the restored plan** him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not **abide in Me**, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you **abide in Me**, and My words **abide in you**, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

1. Connected to His Word

Psalms 1:1-3

¹ Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. ³ He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

2. Connected to His Spirit

Galatians 5:16, 22-23

¹⁶ I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

3. Connected to His Family

Psalms 92:13-14

¹³ Those who are planted in the house of the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of our God. ¹⁴ They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing,