

MORE TO LIFE THROUGH GOD

Planting and Growing a Garden Establishing and Growing a Relationship with Jesus,

By Leonard Woepfel



Planting and growing a garden requires work
Establishing and growing a relationship with Jesus requires work.

22 STEPS TO A SUCCESSFUL GARDEN

- 1 You have to want a garden.
- 2 You have to make space in your yard for a garden in the right space. The space must be in an area with plentiful sunshine. There should be no tree roots taking over the space.
- 3 You have to break up the ground; rototill the soil.
- 4 You have to fertilize the ground.
- 5 You have to choose the right seed.
- 6 You have to plant the seed properly.
- 7 You have to water the seed.
- 8 Young plants require protection from too much rain, too much wind, too much cold, too much heat, and too much sun. They have to be hardened out.
- 9 There are no shortcuts to growing a garden.
- 10 Growing a garden requires physical work. Talking about a garden is not enough.
- 11 Growing a garden requires commitment for more than a day.
- 12 Growing a garden requires time each day.
- 13 Growing a garden requires a commitment for an extended period of time.
- 14 You have to weed a garden. Weeds will overwhelm a garden if you let them. They steal water and nutrition from the good plants.
- 15 You have to water a garden all season long. Rains are a blessing; but until you can put them on a timer, you need to choose the proper times to water a garden. Has the temperature been hot? At what stage is the garden? At two leaves or are the blossoms showing up? Are the berries getting bigger and juicier? There are two many variables to leave it to chance.
- 16 You have to thin a garden or it will get overgrown. (Strawberries, turnips, beets, and zucchini all need to be thinned.)
- 17 You have to prune plants. (Grapes, fruit trees, and tomatoes all require pruning.)
- 18 You have to hoe between the rows of plants to prevent the soil from getting hard. You want the water to penetrate and not run off.
- 19 The yield (harvest) of a garden is directly related to the effort (work) expended.
- 20 When the harvest comes, always share the abundance of a bountiful garden with others. The more you share, the more the Lord will bless your garden and the more it will grow.
- 21 Enjoy the benefits of a bountiful garden. (The food, the moderate exercise, the fresh air, the beauty, and the satisfaction)
- 22 Teach someone else how to grow a garden.

Growing a garden is tough work and hopefully you understand that now. You have to be a part of the process. One final instruction is that you pray daily for the success of your garden. Real farmers and gardeners realize that there is only so much that they can do. The wind, the rain, the heat, the cold, and the sunshine are all in the Lord's hands. Keep that in mind as you do your part.



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10 AM
5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY
7 PM

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Exchange Your "I Cant's" for "I Cans"

by Joyce Meyer

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. —1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)

Have you ever walked into a store before with something to exchange? Maybe it was an article of clothing that you decided you didn't like, a pair of shoes that were uncomfortable, or a gadget that didn't do what you'd expected. You entered the store with something that didn't work for you, exchanged it, and left with something that did work for you. You had to trade what was not effective for something that was.

The same principle applies to your thinking. If you exchange your "I can't" thoughts for "I can" thoughts, you will see remarkable changes begin to happen. If you build into your character the thought that, with God's help, you can do whatever you need to do in life, you will have more zeal and enthusiasm about facing every day. I have found that I even have more physical energy when I think "I can" thoughts. It helps me to not dread anything, because dread is an energy drainer.

It's never too late to begin saying, "I can." Say things like: "My marriage has problems, but it can work"; "My house is a mess, but I can clean it so it will bring me joy and relaxation when I come home from work"; "I can get out of debt"; "I will own a home or have a new car"; or, "I have some problems right now, but I can still enjoy my life."

Some of the challenges you face may be very difficult ones; however, God never allows more to come on us than we can bear. With every temptation, He always provides a way out. I challenge and encourage you right now to consistently believe you are able to do anything that comes your way, with God's help.

Trust in Him: Which "I can't" belief in your life do you need to exchange for an "I can"? Trust God to not allow you to be tempted beyond your ability and to always provide a way out.



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If you have a prayer request that you want posted for others to pray for please submit them to my email: coonfare03@yahoo.com

Are you excited?

Section 4 and 5

Jr. Youth Camp

HEROES OF THE BIBLE

Let's get Ready!

Join us August 15th-17th in Avon, Montana!
Camp is open to children ages 6-12.
The fee is \$25 per camper.

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***Men and Boys Camp Out
August 23-24th
If you have questions please
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August 2013



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| 4 | 5 Prayer 7 PM | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Men's Bible Study 6:30 AM | 10 |
| YOUTH CONGRESS, KENTUCKY | | | | | | |
| 11 | 12 Prayer 7 PM | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Men's Bible Study 6:30 AM | 17 |
| JR YOUTH CAMP, AVON | | | | | | |
| 18 | 19 Prayer 7 PM | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Men's Bible Study 6:30 AM | 24 |
| MEN AND BOYS CAMP OUT | | | | | | |
| 25 AM SERVICE | 26 Prayer 7 PM | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Men's Bible Study 6:30 AM | 31 |

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Shepherds Pie, Lightened Up

Ingredients:

Potatoes:

1-1/2 lbs Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled, diced
3/4 cup fat free chicken broth
2 tbsp fat free sour cream
salt and pepper
paprika

Filling:

1 lb 95% lean ground beef
1 tsp oil
1 medium onion, diced
1 celery stalk, chopped
2 cloves garlic, diced
8 oz mushrooms, diced
10 oz frozen mixed vegetables (carrots, corn, peas, green beans, baby lima beans)
2 tbsp flour
1 cup fat free beef broth
2 tsp tomato paste
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp freshly chopped rosemary leaves
1 tsp freshly chopped thyme leaves
salt and pepper

Boil potatoes in water until cooked and soft. Drain and mash with chicken broth, sour cream, salt and pepper. Preheat oven to 400°.

In a large saute pan brown meat. Season with salt and pepper. When cooked, set aside on a plate. Discard any fat in the pan, add oil, onion and garlic and sauté on medium heat about 2 minutes. Add mushrooms and celery and sauté another 3-4 minutes. Add flour, salt and pepper and mix well. Add frozen vegetables, beef broth, tomato paste, Worcestershire sauce, rosemary, thyme, chopped meat and mix well. Simmer on low about 5-10 minutes.

Spread the meat mixture on the bottom of a 11x7 glass baking dish. Top with mashed potatoes, using a fork to scrape the top to make ridges and sprinkle with paprika. Bake 20 minutes or until potatoes turn golden. Remove from oven and let it cool 10-15 minutes before serving



Up Coming Events:

August 5-10~ Youth Congress, Kentucky

August 15-17~ Jr Youth Camp

August 23-24~ Men and Boys Camp out

Sept. 1~ PM Park Service 4pm-6pm

Sept. 29~ All Nations Day

Oct. 17-18~ Youth Convention Salt Lake City, UT



SPIRITUAL WARFARE PRAYER

In the next coming months I am going to be adding a prayer tool for those expanded prayer times in your life that can change your life, the church and all you do.

These tools will help you to push back darkness and go push forward in your walk with God.

Mark 1:35 “*And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.*”



WORDS OF INSIGHT

John 16:13

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will shew you things to come.”

Change

Change keeps occurring through out all of life. Sometimes it brings joy, and sometimes it brings strife. Change what you should; but you still have a voice How you accept every change is your choice.

—Peggy Ferrell

Warfare Prayer by Binding and Loosing

Binding: Forbidding, to prohibit

Loosing: Permitting, to permit

BIND: SPIRIT OF ANTI-CHRIST

Denies Deity of Christ: 1 John 4:3/ 2 John 7

Denies Atonement: 1 John 4:3

Humanism: 2 Thessalonians 2:3,7

Teachers of Heresies: 1 John 2:18, 19

Deceivers: 2 Thessalonians 2:4/ 2 John 7

Lawlessness : 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12

Against Christians: Revelations 13:7

Worldly Speech and Actions: 1 John 4:5

Against Christ and His Teachings: 2 Thessalonians 2:4/ 1 John 4



What Are You Looking At?

Most of us are pretty content with our stuff until...

- a) we go to the mall
- b) we look at the ads & flyers in the Sunday paper
- c) we watch TV commercials
- d) we see our friend with some new cool thing
- e) all of the above



We live in a culture that is always pressing on us the "next best thing" and tells us we are falling behind if we don't have it. As a result we can spend a lot of time and energy looking for what we don't have rather than being content with what we do. We find ourselves saying, "If only I had _____, then I'd be happy." The problem is, as soon as that blank gets filled, it seems like we can come up with three more. There is always something else that catches our eye.

If we spend our time looking at the stuff around us, it fills us with anxiety and convinces us that, without it, we don't quite measure up.

For those of us tempted to place too much value in the things of this world, Jesus has a question that comes out of Matthew 6:25-33: What are you looking at?

When we focus on the stuff of life, Jesus says, we become anxious. "Look at the birds of the field," He says. Why the birds? Because they are some of the most common of our Father's creatures. And if God provides so well for them, how much more will He provide for us?

When we stop to look at a bird, or consider a lily in the field, they don't have iPods, cell phones, Levis or any of the other stuff we think is so critical to life. But they get along just fine. When we look at them in the simplicity of their lives, we can see their dependence on their creator and His faithfulness in taking care of them.

Here's a challenge for you. Take a long look at the birds of the air and the flowers of the field around you and thank God for His taking care of them. The next time you have the opportunity, take a long look at a cross, and thank God for providing for not only your physical needs, but for the forgiveness of your sins as well. In the cross of Calvary was God's promise to provide for us as His very own for all eternity. As we look at Jesus' suffering and death in our place and on our behalf, suddenly the stuff of this world doesn't look quite so attractive.

In fact, as we consider the love of God toward us and all He has made, we are drawn again to realize that "life is more than food and the body is more than clothing." (v.25)

So the next time you're tempted at the mall or your eyes are drawn to the next best thing, hear Jesus' question-- "What are you looking at?"-- where's your focus? Then hear His reminder that your Heavenly Father has provided what you really need: "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you as well." (v.33)

Youth Dates for August

August 5-11~ Youth Congress
August 15-17~ Jr. Youth Camp



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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Mike Hanson
- 5- Greg Price
- 15th- Mike Jordan
- 17th- Lucille Farris/ Jenae Ziegler
- 21st- McKenna Price
- 23rd- Ruth Evig/ Donna Huffmon
- 26th- Tammy Pohl
- 31st- Tiara Gopher



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 3rd- Derrick and Tammy Pohl
- 5th- Jason and Dusty Ruff
- 7th- Mike and Sherry Hanson
- 16th- Greg and Debbie Price
- 26th- David and Heather Rennich

If you would like a Bible study simply give us a call. In your bible we will show you where the Lord commands us, that we are to be born again.



Ponder This...

“No life of faith can be lived privately. There must be overflow into the lives of others.”
—Eugene H. Peterson

“Awareness of the divine begins with wonder.”
—Abraham Heschel

“The best prayers have often more groans than words.”
—John Bunyan

