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*“For His Divine Power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him who called us by and to his own glory and excellence (Virtue). By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature.”<sup>1</sup>*

**His Divine Power has bestowed upon us all things that are requisite and suited to life and godliness; and by means of these He has bestowed on us His precious promises and exceedingly great promises ... This is Equipping Par Excellence!**

This is why I stated last week that the Christian journey, which includes our growth, is **ALL God-Driven, from start to finish, and the Christian should be excited to be part of this journey.** In human terms, is it not the lazy, unskilled, and uninitiated that will have all the needed equipment and yet not be able to work? Is it not the lazy and ignorant that will be by a great fresh water stream and yet be crying of thirst? Therefore, it is safe to say that Christians who are not growing – at least, bearing fruits, are lazy, disobedient, and this is also because they have left or lost their first Love – love and deep appreciation for their Redeemer and Lord Jesus Christ. **He is the Head of the Christian, and if the Head, which has the brain and controls the rest of the body is in place and not sick, the rest of the body is alive and functions well, including growth!**<sup>2</sup> So, the wonder of the Christian life is that we are commanded to grow, and the things we need to grow are also given to us in abundance – Jesus was in essence saying, I am the One who called you to come and bear fruit and to keep on bearing fruits, and I have also given you all that you need, including My Power and Very Presence to be able to do so. **Therefore, if you do not grow, you will be chopped off, thrown into the dung hill and burnt off.**<sup>3</sup> I believe that this was part of the point Apostle Peter was saying, that those who do not grow and mature in their faith, having been given ALL, are blind and have forgotten the essence of their Christian life and calling.<sup>4</sup> And Apostle Paul then added that the promises that God has given are ALL YES and in Jesus Christ, - let them be; let them come into fruition and manifestation, and they remain YES for eternity. So, we can rely, and trust on, and take advantage of them. They are like Bank cheques; you can be sure that you can cash on it whenever you go to the bank to cash it!<sup>5</sup> **The Christian who is not growing is literally speaking Dead, because he is no longer connected to the Head, the Vine, and has no nutrients for existence and growth.**<sup>6</sup> So, there is the Great and Urgent need to throw away all the incomplete and even erroneous teachings in some Christian cycle that have made Christians lazy, even disrespectful, seeing God as just father -Christmas, who is only good for giving and giving, without anything to do on their own part [no Responsibility and Obligation]. They want to remain babes forever. Ever seen a parent who is happy with a 2-5 year-old child who cannot even crawl, cannot eat solid meals, and is only surviving on breast milk? **The Church must move on to growth, and maturity teachings, that emphasizes Consecration, Sanctification, being busy and useful for the Lord, and stop wasting the grace of God.**<sup>7</sup>

My dear reader, in order for you to become a Christian, it caused God ALL that He has – His Only Begotten Son. And that Son, who we know as our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ came to this earth in human form and suffered beyond understanding and explanation; and you sit there thinking and saying to yourself, ‘I’m saved and just here to enjoy’? Such that you still even live in sin and claim that you are living by grace? But the grace of God that brought us Salvation teaches differently; it teaches Sanctification, Death to Worldliness, and Being Alive to godliness and Usefulness in the hands of the Holy Spirit for the Glory of God.<sup>8</sup> You are being deceived by the deceiver, the devil, who wants you to join him in everlasting punishment in the lake of fire.<sup>9</sup> Run away from such teachings and doctrines and go for the pure and sincere Word of God which has been given not only to save you, but also to make you grow and be acceptable to your Heavenly Father. Allow the Holy Spirit to Guide and Teach you, and you will be very ashamed of some of the things you have come to believe and practice, and you need to Repent and Give Them Up Immediately. As Apostle Peter stated, we should not only stop doing such things but also be ashamed of them, and now dedicate ourselves to doing only the Will and Purposes of the Almighty God.<sup>10</sup>

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But Christian growth must not be limited to fruitfulness, such as winning souls, as important as this is. NO; it means much more. **This growth must also mean growth in the Fruit of the Spirit, that should impact and give us a different character and personality from the world.**<sup>11</sup> Furthermore, this growth means increasing effectiveness and usefulness in the hands of God, and the ability to be used for the extension of His Kingdom on earth, with our lifestyle becoming the Gospel which clearly speaks Jesus, like the Thessalonian Christians.<sup>12</sup> To keep on bearing fruit, which is the goal of Jesus in your life speaks to a life that is positively active even in death, just like the life of Abel, who though dead still speaks! A Christian must aspire to such a life, and this is the essence of Sanctification.<sup>13</sup> It is as Apostle Paul puts it, a life of increasing from glory to glory, as we fix our gaze on Jesus Christ. And to fix our gaze on Jesus Christ, is not like just looking into a mirror. It is more about allowing Jesus to have total control of a life, so that ALL that such a person does come from Jesus Christ. You take your bearing – your essence of life, your focus and goal of life from Jesus Christ, and Him only.<sup>14</sup> We must be dead to the world and alive only in Christ Jesus, because it is only in Him that we have life, move, and have our being.<sup>15</sup> This returns us to John 15. It is Jesus Christ who makes this transformation and growth possible, but only to the extent that we are loyal to Him, our allegiance must be completely to Him – remaining/abiding in Him, because as He clearly stated, without Him, we can do nothing.<sup>16</sup>

So, dear reader be Reminded that you are saved, planted to bear fruit and to keep on bearing fruits; and you have been fully equipped to do so. And it is your responsibility to remain in the Vine; and to draw and use the nutrients provided for you. You are dead spiritually if this is not happening, and you run the risk of being cut-off and burnt with unquenchable fire<sup>17</sup>. This is the Word of your Lord, Master, and Redeemer to you. Heed it and it will be well with you.

*I have chosen you and I have appointed you [I have planted you], that you might go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit may be lasting [that it may remain, abide],”!*

*Have A God Centred And Focussed 2026.*

**Further & Daily Readings:** 2Peter 1:3-9; John 15:1-16. 1.2Pet.1:3-4; 2. Eph.4:12-13,15; 3. Jn.15:2, 6, 16, Matt.28:18-20, 2Pet.1:3-9; 4. 2Pet.1:9; 5. 2Cor.1:20; 6. Jn. 15:5-6; Rev. 3:1; 7. Heb.5:11-14, 6:1-2; Rom.6:1-4; 2Tim.2:20-21; 8. 2Cor.6:14-18; 1Pet.2:24; 4:1-5; Titus 2:11-12; 9. Rev.12:12b -13,17; 10. 2Tim.2:14-16; 1Pet.2:2; 4:1-5; 11. Gal.5:16-18, 22-26; 12. 1Thess.1:7-10; 2Tim.2:20-21; 13. Matt.5:16; Heb.11:4; 14. 2Cor.3:18; Col.3:1-3; 15. Rom.6:11-14; Acts 17:28; 16. Matt.6:24; Jn.15:4-5; 17. Luke 3:17