

“Generous Growth”
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Generous growth is growth in 3-D.

D-1: Generous growth begins with God and happens when...

[] You realize God makes everything grow

Philippians 1:6

*And I am certain that **God**, who **began** the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally **finished** on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

1 Corinthians 3:5-6

*After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God’s servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, **but it was God who made it grow.***

[] Your desire for God is genuine and passionate

[] You maintain a good connection with Jesus

John 15 :4-5

*Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. **For apart from me you can do nothing.***

[] You want to be with and not just learn about God

[] You gain wisdom and not just information

D-2: Generous growth takes personal initiative

and happens when...

You accept personal responsibility for growth

You take time to be quiet and listen

Matthew 14:23

After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone.

Psalms 46:10

“Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world.”

You engage growth as a process

You commit to applying what you learn

James 1:22

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

You trust God's word and promises in adversity

James 1:1-4

*This letter is from James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am writing to the “twelve tribes”—Jewish believers scattered abroad. Greetings! Dear brothers and sisters, when **troubles** come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to **grow**. **So let it grow**, for when your endurance is fully **developed**, you will be **perfect** and **complete**, needing **nothing**.*

***D-3: Generous growth has an impact on others
and happens when...***

You're on the same page with everyone else

You make an investment in another's growth

2 Timothy 2:2

*You have heard me **teach** things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to **other** trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to **others**.*

[] You accept the guidance of another

[] You're servicing others

[] Your end goal is to love others

1 Timothy 1:5

*The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with **love** that comes from a pure **heart**, a clear **conscience**, and genuine **faith**.*