

7-Day Devotional: "Increase"

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Theme: *"Where there's no God, there's no Increase" Part 1*

Text: 1 Corinthians 3:5–8 (NKJV)

Day 1: The Source of the Seed

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:5 (NKJV) – *"Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one?"*

Reflection:

Everything starts with God. The seed you're planting—whether it's a dream, a relationship, or a ministry—didn't come from your grind; it came from His grace. Paul reminds us that he and Apollos were just servants. The seed they planted? That came from God.

Thought for the Day:

Are you planting the seeds God gave you, or are you trying to manufacture your own? Recognize that God is the source of everything you need to grow.

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for being the source of every good thing in my life. Help me to steward the seeds You've given me and trust You for the increase.

Day 2: The Gift of the Seed

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:10 (NKJV) – *"Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness."*

Reflection:

The seed is a gift, not something you create. God doesn't just give you the seed—He multiplies it. When you recognize Him as the source, you position yourself to receive His multiplication.

Thought for the Day:

Stop stressing about what you don't have and start planting what you do have. The seed may look small, but it's packed with potential.

Prayer:

Father, thank You for the seeds You've placed in my hands. Teach me to plant them in faith and trust You for the harvest.

Day 3: The Process of Growth

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:6 (NKJV) – *“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.”*

Reflection:

Growth is a process, not a performance. You can plant, you can water, but you can't rush what God is doing. Stop trying to microwave what God designed to grow in the soil of patience and trust.

Thought for the Day:

While you're waiting, God is working. Just because you don't see growth doesn't mean it's not happening.

Prayer:

Lord, help me to trust Your process. Teach me patience as I wait for the growth You've promised.

Day 4: Trusting God's Timing

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV) – *“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.”*

Reflection:

Growth happens in seasons. You can't rush a season, and you can't skip one. Trust that God knows the right time for your increase.

Thought for the Day:

God's timeline is not your timeline. Trust that He's preparing you for what He's bringing into your life.

Prayer:

Father, I surrender my timeline to You. Help me to trust that Your timing is perfect, even when I don't understand it.

Day 5: The Mystery of Growth

Scripture: Mark 4:26–28 (NKJV) – “*And He said, ‘The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how.’*”

Reflection:

Growth is mysterious and gradual. You don't always see how it's happening, but you can trust that God is working behind the scenes.

Thought for the Day:

You don't have to understand how God is working to trust that He is. Rest in the mystery of His process.

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for working in ways I can't see. Help me to trust You even when I don't understand how You're moving.

Day 6: From Ownership to Stewardship

Scripture: James 1:17 (NKJV) – “*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.*”

Reflection:

Everything you have is a gift from God. You're not the owner—you're the steward. Ownership says, “This is mine.” Stewardship says, “This belongs to God, and I'm managing it for Him.”

Thought for the Day:

Release your desire to control. Trust that God, the ultimate owner, knows what's best for what He's entrusted to you.

Prayer:

Father, I release my need to control. Help me to steward what You've given me with faithfulness and trust.

Day 7: God is the Formula

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:7 (NKJV) – “*So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.*”

Reflection:

God is not just a part of the formula for increase—He is the formula. He's the source, the process, the purpose, and the reward. Let go of the pressure to make it happen on your own.

Thought for the Day:

The increase you're looking for isn't in your grind—it's in your God. Trust Him, and watch what He does with your faithfulness.

Prayer:

Lord, I trust You as the source of my increase. Help me to rest in Your process and rely on Your power to bring the growth.

Closing Challenge

This week, take time to reflect on where you've been trying to take control. Release your need to be the owner and embrace your role as a steward. Trust God as the source of your seed, the guide in your process, and the giver of your increase.

"When you stop trying to control the outcome and start trusting the One who holds the outcome, you'll find peace in the process and purpose in the planting."

Let's plant, water, and trust God for the increase.