

## #5 The Thrust of Life

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- Simple is best!
- The most important truths of life through principles that are easily seen in creation.
- The creation, for example, provides a very clear picture of spiritual growth.
- “Grow, grow, grow!”

Physical growth comes naturally, that is, without our planning.



### Life's Presence

- The Spirit of God is connected to these images of life because the Spirit is life.
- “The Spirit gives life” (2 Corinthians 3:6).
- Once the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in the believer, he or she is set on a path of development and expression.
- God’s purpose to grow us so we can look for ways He will accomplish His goals in us. Faith replaces worry.

“For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 1:6).

- The potential of a seed

### Exercise

- ➡ Draw a dot and write the date and time, to the best of recollection, of when you became a believer—when spiritual life began in you. Then form a ray by drawing an arrow to the right.
- This arrow signifies God’s specially designated growth He is planning to bring about in your life.



### Our Lessons

- Believers do not need to ‘make’ themselves grow as if it were unnatural or uncommon. Spiritual life inherently seeks to grow and develop in the lives of all genuine believers.

- There are not different degrees or qualities of God's life; God lives equally in each believer.
- Renewal begins as our hearts express their appreciation to God for His desire to live, grow and work in and through our physical and spiritual lives.

## **Our Applications**

- ➡ Are you sure you are born again?
- ➡ Read Ephesians 1:13-14. Note how the Holy Spirit indwells each genuine believer. Thank the Lord for His work in you.