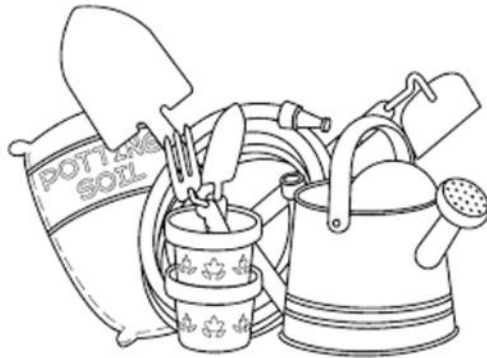


Growing in Righteousness



Read *Growing in Righteousness (CGG)*

If we are not growing, we are _____.

Lack of spiritual growth can permit _____ to enter & replace any of the _____ we once had.



God's Holy Days

God's provides His Sabbaths & Holy Days especially for our individual spiritual growth.

What do you do on Sabbaths to increase your growth?

How is the Feast of Unleavened Bread a lot like gardening?



Growth Rings

The author of the reading talks about tracking a tree's growth by the presence of growth rings. Think about your own spiritual life. When did you grow a lot spiritually? When did you not grow as much? In the table below, note several times when you grew a lot and times when you did not grow as much.

Strong Spiritual Growth	Poor Spiritual Growth

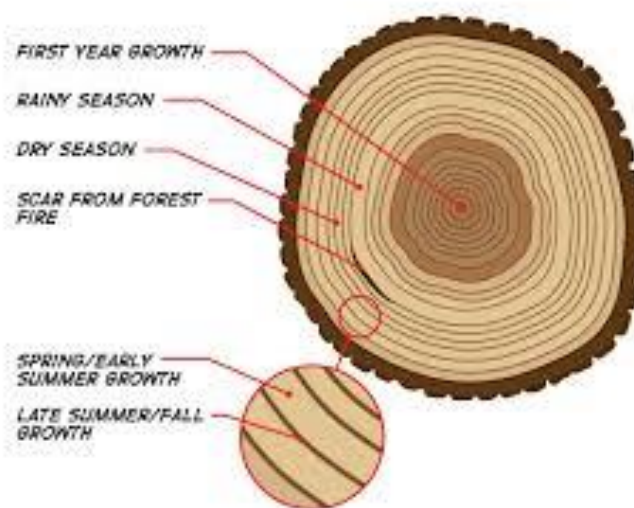
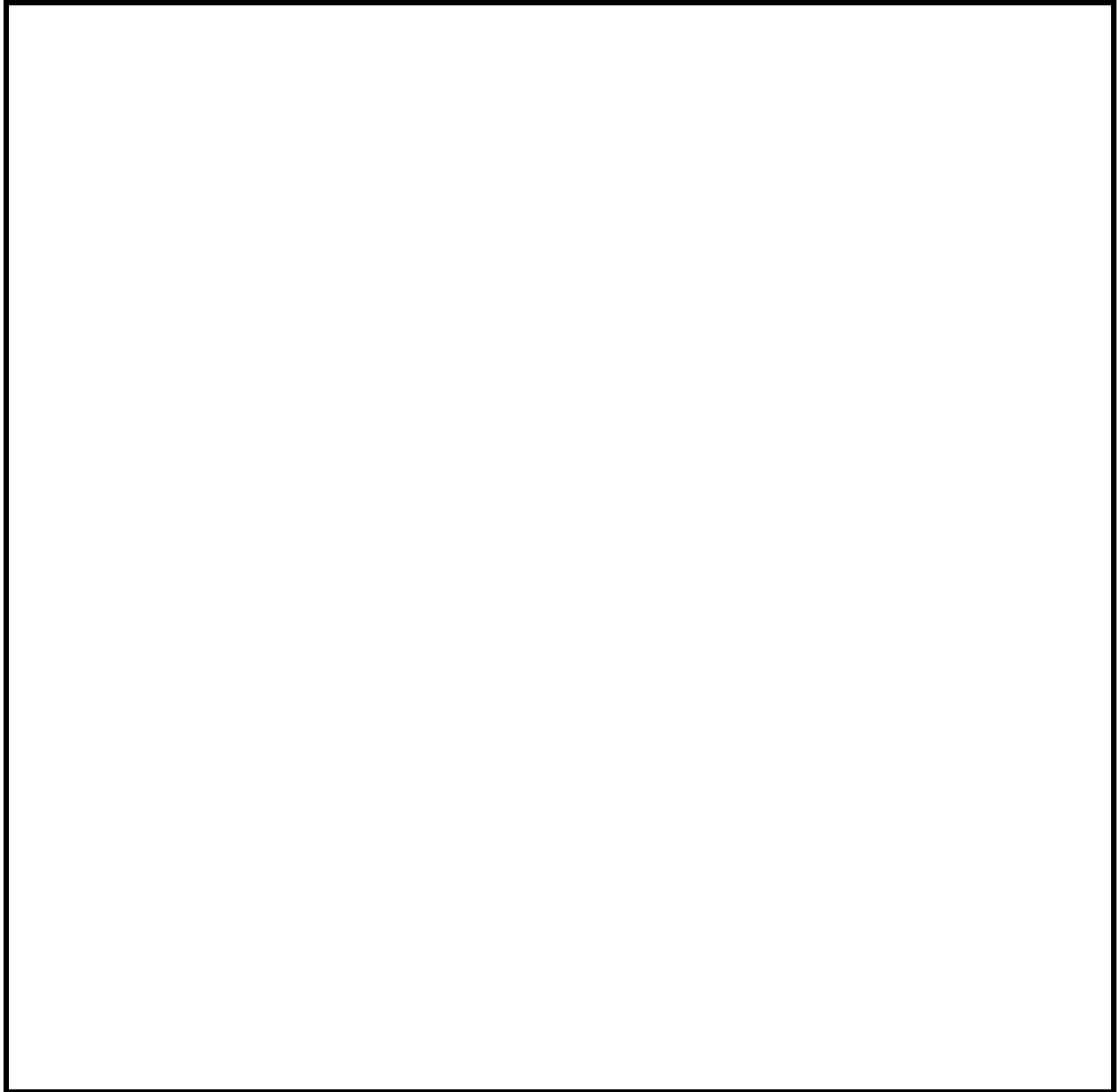




Chart Your Growth Rings

Create a tree cross-section depicting our own spiritual growth to date. Show the number of years of growth. Label significant events impacting growth. Remember that wide rings of growth depict lots of spiritual growth, while the skinny rings illustrate little growth.





The Garden of God:

Read Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

Explain the Parable of the Wheat & Tares in your own words.

What does this parable show about God's expectation of spiritual growth?



Lessons Not Learned

God wants a change of _____ and _____ in our lives. Draw and label 3 things God did to His people in the Old Testament to teach lessons.



Bearing Fruit

Read Matthew 7:16-20.

What happens to God's people who do not bear fruit of righteousness?



Growth Cryptogram

Can you figure out what verse explains how to grow in your walk with God?

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What does the message have to do with Christian growth?



Lessons for Today

We need to know our place in this growth process. Place the person/group, description, & their responsibility in the growth process together in the correct hierarchy below.

Person/Group – God, Christian, Church

Descriptions – Vineyard Owner/Master Planter, harvest, laborer

Responsibilities – overcome/yield to owner, provide/test/observe, teach/encourage/refocus



Godly Fruits

Read Galatians 5:22-23. List the godly fruits God is looking for in us. Place a check next to those you already display consistently.



Works of the Flesh

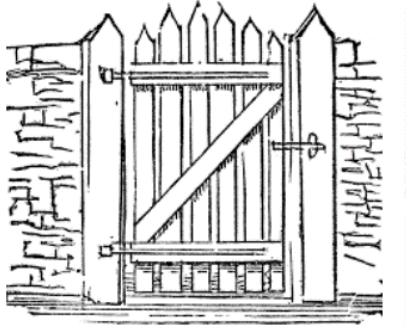
Read Galatians 5:19-21. List the works of the flesh. Place a check next to those you want God to remove from your life.

Sometimes people sin ignorantly by not knowing exactly what the works of the flesh mean. Choose 3 works of the flesh to look up/research. Explain each of them in more detail below.

1. _____ -

2, _____ -

3. _____ -



The Narrow Gate

What does the narrow gate have to do with what you learned today?



Your Growth Goals

Think of 2 goals you can set for yourself that will increase your spiritual growth. Write them below.

Goal 1 -

Goal 2 –

