

# **GROWTH**

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1. Glorify God
2. Love Others
3. Walk by the Spirit

# AND HE WILL DIRECT YOUR PATH

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“Trust in the LORD with all you heart,  
And lean not on your own understanding;  
in all of your ways acknowledge Him  
and He shall make your paths straight.”

-Proverbs 3:5-6

# AND HE WILL DIRECT YOUR PATH

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“A voice of one calling: ‘In the desert  
prepare the way for the LORD;  
make straight in the wilderness  
a highway for our God.’”

-Isaiah 40:3

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prepare the way for the LORD;  
make straight paths for Him”

-Matthew 3:3;

Mark 1:3;

Luke 3:4

# AND HE WILL DIRECT YOUR PATH

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“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the path that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the path that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

-Matthew 7:13-14

**AND HE WILL  
DIRECT YOUR PATH**

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**“Do not follow the crowd  
in doing wrong.”**

**-Exodus 23:2a**



# THE BLESSINGS UNCOVERED

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Acknowledge Him:

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# THE BLESSINGS UNCOVERED

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Rest in and Follow Him:

“The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His Name’s sake.”

-Psalm 23:1-3



# THE BLESSINGS UNCOVERED

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Rest in and Follow Him:

“In the way of righteousness there is life,  
And in its pathway there is no death.”

-Proverbs 12:28 KJV

# THE BLESSINGS UNCOVERED

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If the LORD delights in:

“If the LORD delights in a man’s way,  
He makes his steps firm; though he  
stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD  
upholds him with His hand.”

-Psalm 37:23-24

# THE APPLICATION

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Hebrews 12:10-14

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Look back — Example of Esau:

Hebrews 12:15-17

# THE APPLICATION

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Look back — Example of Esau:

What sins rob you of  
the enabling of God's grace?

# THE APPLICATION

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Look back — Example of Esau:

“Esau is a warning to us  
not to live for lesser things.”



# THE APPLICATION

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Look up — The City of the Heavenly God

Hebrews 12:18-24

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Look up — The City of the Heavenly God

Contrasts Mount Sinai with the  
heavenly Mount Zion and  
the blessings of grace in the church.

# THE APPLICATION

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“Why is there so little discussion  
about heaven now a days?”

“Maybe we have it so good on earth, that  
we just don't think about heaven?”

# THE APPLICATION

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Look up — The City of the Heavenly God

“When we have difficult days, and it is hard to endure while staying on the straight path. We need to look up and contemplate the glories of heaven.”

# THE APPLICATION

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Look ahead — An Unshakeable Kingdom:

“One way to stay on path: Look ahead by faith to the wonderful future He has for us”

# THE APPLICATION

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Look ahead — An Unshakeable Kingdom:

Hebrews 12:25-29



# THE APPLICATION

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Look ahead — An Unshakeable Kingdom:

“Too many people are building their lives on things that can SHAKE! But a Christian can be confident, we WILL receive an unshakeable Kingdom, as we continue down the path of righteousness today.”

# THE APPLICATION

What do we do as we live in a shaking world?

1. Listen to God speak and obey Him.
2. Receive His mercy day by day and serve Him.
3. Do NOT be distracted or frightened by change “shaking” around you.
4. Keep following the path with endurance.
5. Keep looking to Jesus Christ.

# THE APPLICATION

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What do we do as we live in a shaking world?

6. Remember the Father's love for you.

7. Draw from God's enabling grace!

# THE APPLICATION

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“The world is frightened,  
BUT on the path of righteousness,  
you can be confident!”

# THE APPLICATION

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“You HAVE a STRAIGHT view  
of the Savior!”

## **REFLECTION QUESTION**

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-Is my desire for temporary satisfaction,  
over long-term spiritual blessing?

-Am I on the path? Or have I wandered?



# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Looking through the lens of Hebrews

12:12-13's "Coach like order":

- Lift up your hands!
- Strengthen those knees (Isaiah 35:3)
- Get those lazy feet on track (Proverbs 4:26-27)
- On your mark, get set, GO!

# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

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If you have been wandering from the  
“Straight path” repent and  
get back on track.