



Growing Part 5: Weeding

"Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants...The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful."
Matthew 13:7, 22 (NIV)

"Now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life." Romans 6:22 (NLT)

Holiness isn't:

- A. Perfection OR
- B. Acting like I have it all together...
(when I really don't.)

"Who may stand in his holy place? Only those whose hands and hearts are pure, who do not worship idols and never tell lies. They will receive the Lord's blessing and have a right relationship with God their savior." Psalm 24:3-5 (NLT)

"If someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted." Galatians 6:1 (NIV)

"Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it..." Hebrews 12:10-11 (NIV)

"A highway will be there, a roadway, and it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, but it will be for him who walks that way, and fools will not wander on it." Isaiah 35:8 (NASB)

Holiness is:

- A. Trusting in what Christ has done AND
- B. Asking Him to help me live for Him.

"...We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."
Hebrews 10:10 (NIV)

"You must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, 'You must be holy because I am holy.' And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do." 1 Peter 1:15-17 (NLT)

"The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men." Romans 14:17-18 (NIV)

"Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined." Titus 1:8 (NIV)

My "To-do" list: _____

"Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17 (NIV)

My "NOT To-do" list: _____

"Let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God." 2 Corinthians 7:1 (NLT)

"The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ..." Titus 2:11-13 (NIV)

"Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning..." 1 Corinthians 15:34 (NIV)

Growth step: Baptism

"Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' Jesus replied, 'Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.' Then John consented."
Matthew 3:13-15 (NIV)

