

## The Spiritual Growth of a Christian

1. The righteous are like a flourishing tree.

**Psa. 1:1-3; Jer. 17:7-8; Psa. 92:12-15; Isa. 65:22**

2. It begins as a seed. (Small and insignificant.)

A. God uses small things:

**Matt. 21:16; I Cor. 1:27-29 I Peter 5:6**

God saved us when we were nothing.

1. Hannah: Her prayer. **I Sam. 2:1, 8-9**

2. David: **II Sam. 7:8-9**

B. The seed must be planted. **John 12:24**

1. It must be planted in the right environment.

a. The Church.

**Acts 2:41-43, 46-47 Heb. 10:25**

2. It must have the right soil: The Word of God.

**Luke 21:33, Psa. 119:11, 105, 127-128,  
160-161**

3. It must have water: The Spirit of God

**Isa. 55:1,3 Rom. 8:9, 11**

4. It must have sunlight: God's grace and blessings.

**Eph. 2:5-6, 8**

C. The roots must grow down for the tree to grow up. Our prayer life and relationship with God. **I Thess. 5:17**