

## A PEAK SEASON FOR GROWTH

Jeremiah 17:5-10

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There are seasons of spiritual growth in life that we can influence and enhance by doing the things that God has promised will result in a fruitful spiritual harvest.

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### \* Experiencing a peak season of growth:

#### 1. *Begins with the* \_\_\_\_\_.

This is what the LORD says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD." Jeremiah 17:5

But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in Him. Jeremiah 17:7

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? "I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve." Jeremiah 17:9-10

#### 2. *Requires planting yourself in the* \_\_\_\_\_.

But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. Jeremiah 17:7-8

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 2 Corinthians 9:6

Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.... Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well. Ecclesiastes 11:4 & 6

#### 3. *Results from* \_\_\_\_\_ *that overcomes* \_\_\_\_\_ *circumstances.*

But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. Jeremiah 17:7-8

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### *What will the summer season be for you?*

1. We have a choice—the coming months can be a great season of growth or a time of spiritual dryness. Which will you choose?
2. Where will you plant yourself this summer? What growth opportunities will you take advantage of this summer? (Such as a small group study with others; Wednesday evening prayer gatherings; serving in Vacation Bible School or in the Fall Family Fair; building relationships with people searching for faith).
3. What circumstances seem to hinder your growth in Christ? What can you do to counteract these hindrances in faith? What action steps will you begin to overcome difficult circumstances this summer?

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