

# Bursting Through Dormancy



**“I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong.” The Apostle Paul | Ephesians 3:16-17 (NLT)**

## Have You Grown Dormant?

In the lawn fertilizer world, it’s often been said, “nitrogen for shoots and phosphorus for roots.” I was long a believer in this saying and if you listen to the fertilizer companies this is the gospel. The problem is that it’s actually not true. This is one of those things that has taken on a life of its own... just business, right?

The truth is, for a plant to flourish, you must address the limiting element in the soil. When an element is limiting, plant growth slows. This phenomenon is called environmental dormancy. Adding more of an element that is not the limiting element does no good. In fact, it could even be damaging.

### **Is a limiting element stalling the advancement of your Life Mission?**

If you're like me, you measure advancement by looking at the fruit. Don't neglect tracking; we all need a gauge to know if our efforts are bearing fruit, but be wary. When advancement has slowed and you look for the reason, you can be misled. For example, if a salesperson's sales are slow, they might be prone to "sell harder." I've seen many a financial advisor fall victim to this. Desperate for sales, they push, only to find themselves doing worse... Clients pick up on their desperation and turn away. More of the "selling element" is detrimental to them.

### **Increasing the wrong element could be detrimental to the advancement of your Life Mission.**

Of course, you could well have a gap in training or execution that needs bolstering, but is there a deeper element that's deficient?

*"Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do." Psalm 1:1-3 (NLT)*

I have found that more often than not, when I am not experiencing advancement of my Life Mission it's because I've either allowed my attitude to become tainted or I've drifted away from the source of all essential elements.

This Psalm provides a good list to check yourself against. Who do you get your advice from? Who do you hang with? What are they saying

about things going on in the world? It's amazing how quickly we assume the attitudes of others. This is particularly important these days in the midst of COVID depression and political divides. These things can affect your tone. Could these weeds be stealing precious nutrients? Do you need to make some changes to get close to more positive influences?

**Remove nutrient stealing weeds and get close to those who's missions are advancing.**

Then the Psalm writer instructs us to “delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night” so our roots can grow deep into perfectly balanced, rich soil. How vibrant is your time with God? What do you think about when you wake up in the middle of the night? Could you have a root growth problem?

*“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1: 1 (NLT)*

I have reached a point of significant understanding, not rocket science all of us will agree, but, in practice, it's one of the easiest things to forget. We have only one source who is behind all advancement. He's the one who created all. This is significant because God is like supercharged fertilizer. He possesses all of the elements, knows exactly which you need, and doles it out in perfect measure.

**Grow your roots deep into God's perfectly rich soil.**

When advancement of your Life Mission has slowed, absolutely check for gaps in education and execution, but even more importantly, replant yourself next to those who's Life Missions are advancing and focus on growing your roots deep into the word of God.

**God has Exactly the Element You Need!**

**Spirit Talk**

Post this where you will see it regularly.

**"God provides the exact nourishment I need to be fruitful."**

"Then Jesus explained: 'My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work.'" Jesus Christ | John 4:34 (NLT)



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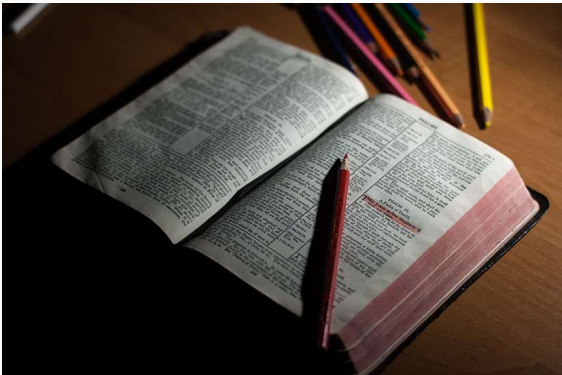
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