

Clearing the field is more work than working an established field. When the ground is hard and the field is overgrown with weeds, we have to clear the land and plow up the ground before we can plant.

7. Bears Fruit: Experiences, consequences good and bad

Jeremiah 32:19 You are great in counsel and mighty in work, for your eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, to give everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings.

Isaiah 3:10-11 "Say to the righteous that it shall be well with them, For they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with him, For the reward of his hands shall be given him.

Jeremiah 6:19 Hear, O earth! Behold, I will certainly bring calamity on this people The fruit of their thoughts, Because they have not heeded My words, Nor My law, but rejected it.

6. Plant Grows: How we act and the things we do.

James 1:14-15 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

5. Water and fertilize the Garden-Building a good thought life

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy, meditate on these things.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

1. Acknowledge and Choose

Acknowledge the condition of the Garden. You can't fix what isn't broke, or you don't think is broke.

Choose to start down the path that will produce good fruit in your life

Psalms 51:3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin [is] always before me. The choice to "choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

2. Clear and plow the ground.

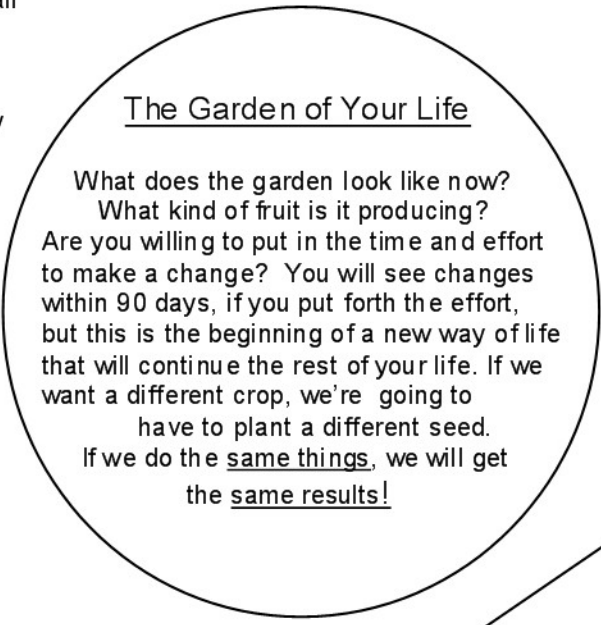
Tell God that you're sorry for doing the wrong things

Hosea 10:12 Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground, For [it is] time to seek the LORD, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you.

3. Plant the seed.

Begin to read the Bible, Hang around with people that you want to be like, and go to church regularly.

Galatians 6:7-9 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.



4. Weed the garden: Our thought life

Cast down unbiblical thoughts  
 Negative thoughts and attitudes  
 Remove inputs that encourage the behavior that you don't want. (TV, Music, Peers)

2 Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, (the Bible) and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

You won't get rid of every weed even in the best garden, but the more you get rid of, the better for the plants that you want to grow.