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Grow

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Preface

This booklet is written to encourage believers to “grow in grace” (2 Peter 3:18), to press into the baptism in Jesus’ name and the baptism in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues (Acts 2:38; Acts 19:1–6; John 3:3–8). It aims to help you grow in love, the fruit of the Spirit, worship, the nine gifts, miracles and healings, dreams and visions, knowledge, wisdom and understanding. Practical steps, short fables to illustrate spiritual truths, and an appendix listing the recorded miracles of the New Testament are included for study and devotion.

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Miracle Grow — A Call to Grow in Grace

Grace is God's favor toward us; growing in grace is living increasingly in Christ's life, power and character (2 Peter 3:18). Miracle Grow is about spiritual development that results in real fruit: love, mercy, worship, gifts, miracles and transformed life. Grace brings salvation (Ephesians 2:8–9) and calls us into relationship and obedience that bear supernatural fruit.

Born of Water and Spirit — Baptism in Jesus' Name and the Holy Ghost

The New Testament pattern that this booklet emphasizes is: repentance and baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues (Acts 2:38; Acts 19:1–6; Acts 10:44–48). John 3:3–8 teaches the necessity of being born of the Spirit. The baptism in the Holy Ghost empowers believers for bold witness, gifts and fruit (Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1–4). The Spirit's presence enables fullness of life and operation in the supernatural.

Grow in Love, Fruit and Worship

Growth is seen in character. Paul lists the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22–23: love, joy, peace,

longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. Each must be cultivated:

- Grow in love: Love is the measure of our growth (1 Corinthians 13; John 13:34–35).
- Grow in mercy: Practice compassion and forgiveness.
- Grow in praise and worship: Regular, sincere worship positions us to receive from God and to reflect His presence.
- Grow in humility: Power without humility becomes pride; Christ’s life models servant-leadership.

The Nine Gifts — How to Operate and Function

1 Corinthians 12 lists spiritual gifts that include: word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, gifts of healings, miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, divers kinds of tongues, interpretation of tongues. A few practical principles for functioning:

- Foundation: Be born again and filled with the Spirit (Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 12:3).
- Desire: Ask and hunger for spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 14:1).
- Submit: Gifts must be exercised in love, humility and order (1 Corinthians 13, 14:26–40).
- Learn: Study Scripture, watch Spirit-led ministries, receive mentoring.

- Practice: Begin in small, accountable settings. Prophecy in love, pray for the sick, and test everything (1 Thessalonians 5:20–21).
- Accountability: Gifts flourish under pastoral care and community oversight.
- Fruit: Gifts without fruit of the Spirit are incomplete. The Spirit produces character as well as power.

Grow in Miracles, Healings and Power

Growing in miracles involves intimacy with Jesus, boldness in faith, obedience and prayer. Jesus modeled dependence on the Father and a life of holiness; He also taught that faith releases miracles (Matthew 9:29, 17:20).

- Pray with faith and authority in Jesus' name.
- Lay hands on the sick (Mark 16:17–18; Acts 28:8).
- Use Scripture as your foundation and weapon.
- Expect the supernatural: the New Testament records signs following believers (Mark 16:17–18; Acts 2:43; Acts 5:12).
- Be sensitive to the Spirit's leading in who to pray for, what to say and when to act.
- Remember God's sovereignty: sometimes healing is immediate, sometimes gradual, sometimes He acts in different ways. Continue in faith, worship and thanksgiving.

Growing in Dreams, Visions, Knowledge and Wisdom

God still communicates through dreams and visions (Acts 2:17; Acts 10:9–16; Acts 16:9). To grow in these:

- Live a life of prayer and purity.
- Record dreams and test them by Scripture.
- Seek interpretation through the Spirit and the counsel of mature believers.
- Grow in knowledge by studying Scripture and in wisdom by applying it (Proverbs; James 1:5).
- Give space for God's timing; not every night's dream is prophetic.

Practical Steps and Disciplines for Growth

- Repentance and Baptism: Complete the step of repentance and baptism in Jesus' name (Acts 2:38).
- Seek the Baptism with Evidence: Pray earnestly for the Holy Ghost and expect an initial evidence of tongues (Acts 2:1–4; Acts 19:1–6).
- Daily Devotion: Worship, Scripture reading, and meditative prayer.
- Join a Spirit-led community: Be under pastoral oversight and in fellowship.
- Serve: Use gifts in ministry settings; love motivates service.
- Study the New Testament: Learn from Jesus' life

and the apostles' practice.

- Keep a spiritual journal: Track prayers, dreams, healings and lessons.
- Teach and train others: As you grow, you equip others to grow.

Fables and Tales for the Journey

These short, original fables illustrate truths for the heart.

Fable 1 — The Farmer and the Seed

A farmer sowed seed on three soils: hard path, stony ground, and good soil. He tended water, removed stones and protected from birds. In time, the seed on good soil grew into abundant grain. The farmer said: “Grace plants the seed; discipline makes the soil.”

Moral: Accept God’s seed (the Word), then cultivate your life by obedience, prayer and the Spirit.

Fable 2 — The Lamp and the Lantern

A lamp lived in a dark cottage but hid itself behind curtains for fear of wind. A storm came and the dark cottage was invaded by cold. The lamp learned to bask in the open and its light warmed all who entered.

Moral: Revelation and gifts are meant to illuminate others — don’t hide what God has given you.

Fable 3 — The Healer and the Town

A healer passed through a town and healed a few; he refused payment and only asked each to return to the town square a week later to teach others what they had learned. The healed came back as teachers. The town became a place of healing and wisdom. Moral: Miracles are to multiply — be a disciple-making instrument, not a spectacle.

Fable 4 — The Two Trees

Two trees sprouted side by side. One grew tall quickly but shallow-rooted. Another grew slowly but deep roots. A hurricane came; the shallow tree fell, the rooted tree stood. Moral: Depth matters. Spiritual experiences must be rooted in character and devotion.

Appendix — Miracles of the New Testament (selected, with references)

The following lists the principal recorded miracles, organized by book. These are the events the New Testament records as supernatural acts by Jesus, the apostles, and God's direct intervention.

Gospels — Miracles of Jesus (selected highlights)

- Matthew 4:23–24 — Jesus healed many who were sick and oppressed.
- Matthew 8:2–4 — Healing of a leper.
- Matthew 8:5–13 — Healing of the centurion’s servant.
- Matthew 8:14–15 — Healing of Peter’s mother-in-law.
- Matthew 8:23–27 — Calming the storm on the sea.
- Matthew 8:28–34 — Healing/delivery of demon-possessed men (Gerasenes).
- Matthew 9:1–8 — Forgiveness of sins and healing of a paralytic (lowered through the roof).
- Matthew 9:18–26 — Raising Jairus’ daughter and the woman with the issue of blood.
- Matthew 9:27–34 — Healings including blind men and a mute demon-possessed man.
- Matthew 12:9–14 — Healing on the Sabbath (man with a withered hand).
- Matthew 14:13–21 — Feeding the 5,000 (multiplied loaves and fishes).
- Matthew 14:22–33 — Walking on the water; Peter walks briefly.
- Matthew 15:21–28 — Healing of a Canaanite woman’s daughter (demon-cast out).
- Matthew 15:29–31 — Many healings in the crowds.
- Matthew 17:14–21 — Healing a boy with an unclean spirit.
- Matthew 17:24–27 — Coin in a fish’s mouth to pay the temple tax.

- Matthew 20:29–34 — Blind Bartimaeus healed.
- Matthew 21:18–22 — Cursing the fig tree and teaching about faith.
- Matthew 26:47–56 / 26:69? — Healing of the servant’s ear (Luke 22 records healing).
- Matthew 27:50–53 — At Jesus’ death, tombs opened and many saints were raised (unique to Matthew).
- Matthew 28 — The resurrection of Jesus; angels, the empty tomb.

Mark (parallels many of Matthew’s miracles) — includes unique details:

- Mark 1:40–45 — Leper healed.
- Mark 2:1–12 — Paralytic healed.
- Mark 4:35–41 — Calming the storm.
- Mark 5:1–20 — Deliverance of the Gerasene demoniac.
- Mark 5:21–43 — Jairus’ daughter raised; woman healed.
- Mark 6:30–44 — Feeding the 5,000.
- Mark 6:45–52 — Walking on the water.
- Mark 7:31–37 — Healing a deaf and mute man.
- Mark 8:22–26 — Blind man at Bethsaida partially/fully healed.
- Mark 9:14–29 — Healing a boy with an evil spirit.
- Mark 10:46–52 — Blind Bartimaeus healed.
- Mark 11:12–25 — Cursing the fig tree; cleansing the temple.

- Mark 16 — Resurrection, appearances, great commission; Mark 16:17–18 lists signs that follow believers (in some manuscripts).

Luke (adds unique events):

- Luke 4:31–37 — Casting out demons in Capernaum.
- Luke 5:17–26 — Healing the paralytic lowered through the roof.
- Luke 7:1–10 — Healing the centurion’s servant (detail of centurion’s faith).
- Luke 7:11–17 — Raising the widow’s son at Nain (unique to Luke).
- Luke 8:22–25 — Calming the storm.
- Luke 8:26–39 — Deliverance of the demoniac (Gadarene).
- Luke 8:40–56 — Jairus’ daughter and the woman with the issue of blood.
- Luke 9:10–17 — Feeding the 5,000 (also unique portrayals).
- Luke 13:10–17 — Healing a woman bowed for eighteen years.
- Luke 14:1–6 — Healing a man with dropsy.
- Luke 17:11–19 — Healing of the ten lepers (one returns to give thanks).
- Luke 22:50–51 — Jesus heals the servant’s ear during arrest.
- Luke 24 — Resurrection appearances and the Emmaus road revelation.

John (signs emphasizing Jesus' identity):

- John 2:1–11 — Water turned to wine at Cana (first sign).
- John 4:46–54 — Healing the nobleman's son from a distance.
- John 5:1–9 — Healing at the Pool of Bethesda (paralysis healed).
- John 6:1–14 — Feeding the 5,000 (with emphasis on Jesus as sustainer).
- John 6:16–21 — Jesus walking on the sea and entering the boat.
- John 9:1–41 — Healing the man born blind (unique to John).
- John 11:1–44 — Raising Lazarus from the dead (unique to John).
- John 20:19–29 — Post-resurrection appearances, including Thomas' confession.
- John 21:1–14 — Miraculous catch of fish and breakfast with the disciples (153 fish).

Acts — Miracles of the Apostolic Church

- Acts 2:1–4, 43 — Pentecost: Holy Spirit indwelling, speaking in tongues, signs.
- Acts 3:1–10 — Peter heals the lame man at the temple gate (Beautiful Gate).
- Acts 4:29–31 — Boldness and many signs following.
- Acts 5:1–11 — Judgment on Ananias and Sapphira

(sudden death).

- Acts 5:12–16 — Apostles perform many signs and healings.
- Acts 8:5–8 — Philip’s signs in Samaria; healings and delivered spirits.
- Acts 8:26–40 — Philip and the eunuch (Gospel preached; Spirit leads).
- Acts 9:1–19 — Saul’s (Paul’s) conversion: temporary blindness and restoration.
- Acts 9:32–35 — Aeneas healed of paralysis.
- Acts 9:36–43 — Peter raises Tabitha (Dorcas) from the dead.
- Acts 10:44–48 — Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit (Cornelius’ house), with evidence.
- Acts 12:6–11 — Peter’s miraculous prison release by an angel.
- Acts 13:6–12 — Elymas the sorcerer struck with blindness by Paul’s word.
- Acts 14:8–10 — Paul heals a man lame from birth at Lystra.
- Acts 16:16–34 — Paul casts a spirit out of a slave girl; earthquake frees Paul and Silas from prison; the jailer and family converted.
- Acts 19:11–12 — Extraordinary miracles: handkerchiefs and aprons carried to the sick, healing them and driving out evil spirits.
- Acts 20:7–12 — Paul raises Eutychus from the dead after falling from a third-story window.
- Acts 27–28 — Paul survives shipwreck (Acts 27);

snakebite but suffers no harm (Acts 28:3–6); on Malta Paul heals many, including the father of Publius (28:7–9).

- Acts (general) — Numerous miracles, healings, deliverances and the spread of power through the apostles (see Acts 3–28 for many accounts).

Pauline and Other New Testament Miracles (additional examples)

- Miraculous protections and healings in Paul’s ministry: deliverance from trials, healings through prayer, and signs confirming the gospel (various references in Acts and the epistles).
- Miraculous spiritual manifestations: tongues, prophecy, revelation (1 Corinthians 12–14; Romans 12; Ephesians 4).

Notes on the List

- Many miracles are recorded multiple times with different details across the four Gospels.
- Acts records many apostolic wonders that establish the early Church’s authority and the spread of the Gospel among Jews and Gentiles.
- The resurrection of Jesus is the decisive miracle of the New Testament, confirmed by numerous witnesses and appearances (1 Corinthians 15; the Gospel end narratives).

- Some events (e.g., Matthew 27:52–53) are unique reports and understood differently by interpreters — they remain part of the canonical record.

Closing Charge and Prayer

Grow steadily. Be baptized in Jesus' name; ask for the Holy Ghost with boldness and expectation (Acts 2:38; Luke 11:13). Desire spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 14:1) but let love lead (1 Corinthians 13). Cultivate fruit, seek intimacy with Jesus, pray for the sick, teach others, and be a community of disciples who walk in power and holiness.

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