

The Concept of

# Right Thinking

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*This book is dedicated to the following people:*

*To my wonderful wife, Deb, who has tolerated the hours of research and time taken from her to provide this gift to YOU.*

*To my children, Thomas and Grace, whom I hope and pray will always be successful in all their endeavors.*

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*This book is a direct response to a friend's request.*

*Kris Blevins,*

*here is the book you told me I should write.*

*(I only hope it meets his expectations!)*

*If you are not sure you are a Christian we have included a short prayer on the inside of the back cover .*

*Use this prayer as a guideline.*

*If you would feel more comfortable, you can use your own words.*



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## What's this all about?

This book was written to allow the so-called “common man” develop the  
**UNCOMMON LIFE.**

The concepts developed in this book are based on what we will call *Right Thinking*.  
*Right Thinking* is the term we will use to explain the process that takes the average person to above average results. It is based on the premise that our thoughts and ideas develop into the physical, mental and spiritual things that are in our life.

When we have a thought or idea and we give that thought or idea the power to develop into a mental, physical or spiritual item in our life in various ways.

The whole concept of *Right Thinking*, as we have come to call it, is based on the concept that everything in our life is the direct result of someone having a thought or idea, (ourselves or some one in authority over us).

That thought or idea is then given power to develop into an action and then into a creation. The creation can be a physical item, and mental attitude or a spiritual belief. The last two will continue the process in our life and either bind us or allow us to develop into the creation we were intended to be.

Being a Christian writer, you will find that a great deal of what is presented in these pages relates to or is based on the principles provided in the Bible. Some are based on common sense and some on experience and research. All of it is based on personal beliefs.

In many of the self-help books and tapes we have encountered they speak of the force of the universe or some other force that will provide all you need to succeed. We **FIRMLY** believe that that force is a part of what we worship as our Lord and the provision of the power in that force is provided to us through the power of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ. We do believe that He will provide everything we need and provide it more abundantly than we need.

Everything addressed in this book is based on having a belief in Jesus Christ as the One and only Son of our Lord God Almighty. Any other use of this information will probably be useless at best... or dangerous at worst.

**You may not agree with all that is written in this book. It is my prayer that you will find some insight, strength, vision or power that you will be able to utilize in your life and pass it on to those you love and care about.**

**This book was not written to replace the Bible, but to enhance your understanding of that manual written for the Christian Believer.**

**This book was not written to replace your time of worship in your church, but to help you understand the relationship between you and the Lord you worship.**

**This book was not written to replace your time of prayer or any insights or visions the Lord has given you for your life, but to help you develop your personal time with Christ and offer you some advice on how to become the creation He wants you to be.**

**Please be advised that we have taken the liberty to paraphrase some of the scriptures to better understand them and how they related to the topics discussed. No intention of changing the scripture or re-writing the Bible was intended.**

**We strongly advise that you actually take the time to look up the scripture as you come across the references.**

## The Concept of Right Thinking

The core of this book is based on the “Right Thinking” concept. This book is an introduction to the concept of “Right Thinking”. It includes all the basic principles for putting the “Right Thinking” into action in your own life. We will go into detail on different aspects of each concept in later books.

To understand the “Right Thinking” concept you must first understand four other concepts:

1. The Seed Concept
2. The Creation Concept
3. The Grace Concept
4. The Growth Concept

The following four chapters explain these concepts and provide examples from my own life.

Our goals in this book are:

- To help you understand why you do and say and think the things you do, even when you don’t want to,
- Give you the power to change those actions, words and thoughts,
- Give you the ability to help those you love and care about by teaching them these concepts and processes.

It is our prayer that by the time you are finished with this book you will be able to say the same thing my wife and I say to each other on a regular basis.

**WHEN YOU DO THE RIGHT THINGS,  
THE RIGHT THINGS HAPPEN!**

**This is YOUR book!**

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## The Seed Concept

The first concept is the one that most farmers and gardeners understand best

In order for a crop or plant to grow you must first have a seed of that crop or plant. You cannot grow apples from orange seeds or roses from gardenia seeds. You must have the correct seed. This seed comes from the same type of crop or plant that is intended to grow. What you are doing in this concept is entering the cycle of growth and using the laws of nature to produce the results you are after.

Scripture tells us in *Matthew 6:21* “*For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*” You may not know it but what you have been told (and you choose to accept and believe) as well as those things you hold dear to you are your treasures.

At the risk of stepping on some toes, we are going to look at some of those treasures and see why they are not the valuable things we thought they were.

For our examples we will be using some previous treasures of my life.

*As a child I was asthmatic and very thin. Some would refer to me as sickly or undernourished. As I grew older I came to accept the references to me as facts. Because they came from the adults in my life, I accepted them as true and that they defined who I was as a person. Who doesn't want to live up to the vision that people have for you?*

*Because I was asthmatic and thin, my father would do everything he could to make me push myself beyond what I thought I could do, even if it meant punishment for not being able to accomplish the simple things that I never really had any instruction about. Punishment could take the form of a simple look of disapproval to a fist in the middle of my back. Most of the time it was the later. Who doesn't want a father who approves of them?*

The seeds that were planted;

- I will always run out of steam doing the things other people do easily,
- I will always have trouble with my health,
- I will always have other people pushing me around and still love them,
- I will always have trouble doing the simplest tasks,
- If you do not do things right you will be punished and that punishment usually has nothing to do with the thing you did wrong,
- No one will ever be satisfied with what you are doing or how you are doing it.

**Sounds Kind of Sick doesn't it?**

*Now many of you reading this will say, “That is the way I grew up, too”, or “How can you blame your parents for your problems”, or even “How could you possibly think those things are true?”*

First and foremost let me make a few things very clear. My father and I became very close when I was an adult and I considered it a great honor to deliver His Eulogy in 1995. The people who came to the funeral and told of the wonderful things he had done for them and their families touched me deeply. My mother and he are now enjoying the treasures stored up for them. There is no attempt to place blame on either of them or to say I was raised in an unfit home.

Those things we carry from our childhood are seen through the eyes of a child. A child has little understanding of the world around him compared to how he would see that same world as an adult. The child will remember those things as they say them until something or some one helps them to see them differently. When a child is more prone to keep things in, as I was, there is no indication to those who could help that child that help is really needed.

Now you are probably wondering why we are referring to these thoughts, ideas and beliefs as treasures. We all hold dear to us the things that make us the person we are and will defend our right to be ourselves to the very end. These are our treasures and come from “treasured memories”.

What many of us do not realize is this; the things we believe about ourselves and the person we believe ourselves to be is not who we really are. We have planted the wrong seeds and can't understand why we aren't getting the crop we wanted.

As time went on these seeds were planted, watered and given oxygen. Just as all seeds are, in order to grow.

I planted them in my mind, by the constant thoughts about them, dwelling on them and worrying about them.

I watered them by the constant repetition of them, aloud, in an emotional state, usually in anger or frustration.

I gave them oxygen by finding times and instances when I believed they proved to be true, (even if I wasn't seeing things as they really were).

**[Here I am growing a garden of ugly weeds and hoping for a bumper crop!](#)**

Now remember these examples were just some of the seeds I started with.

*Take the time now to think of some of the bad “seeds” you may have growing in your life.*

*Write them down.*

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*1Corinthians*

*13:11, When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*

When I gave my life to the Lord (who else would want it?) He helped me to realize the way I saw myself.

*1Corinthians*

*14:20 Brethren, be not children in understanding: in malice be as children, but in understanding be men.*

*1Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow thereby:*

Most of the help I received later was from the Bible, the pulpit, clergy who became good friends and examples from people in good Christian Families. Great authors of many books contributed as well.

So where do you get the right seeds? You get them from the same place the farmer or gardener does, from the crops or plants you want to grow. Just as the farmer or gardener figures what crops or plants will grow best in his field or garden, you must decide what seeds will grow best in your life.

- If you are a “physical person” you will want to look at those things that you enjoy, your activities.
- If you are a “mental person” you will want to look at those things you enjoy thinking about or the way you like to think.
- If you are a “spiritual person” what actually motivates you? What excites you?

These may sound general to you, and they are, but this is the best place to start. As you begin to plant your garden you will realize what else it needs or what things would compliment it. As for my example, most of my decision making came from the study of scripture. I knew I wanted a better life. This is a small example of the seeds that were available from my Heavenly Father.

*Proverbs 3:1-21*

*My son forget not my law; but let your heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to you.*

*Let not mercy and truth forsake you: bind them about your neck; write them upon the table of your heart: So shall you find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.*

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths.*

*Be not wise in your own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to your navel, and marrow to your bones.*

*Honor the LORD with your substance, and with the first fruits of all your increase: So shall your barns be filled with plenty, and your presses shall burst out with new wine.*

*My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD, neither become weary of his correction: For whom the LORD loves he corrects, even as a father the son in whom he delights.*

*Happy is the man that finds wisdom and the man that gets understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things you could desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retains her.*

*The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens. By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew. My son let not them depart from your eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion: So shall they be life unto your soul, and grace to your neck. Then shall you walk in your way safely, and your foot shall not stumble. When you lie down, you shall not be afraid: yea, you shall lie down, and your sleep shall be sweet.*

*Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it comes.*

*For the LORD shall be your confidence, and shall keep your foot from being taken.*

*Withhold not good things from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do it.*

***NOW THESE SOUNDED LIKE THE TREASURES***

***I WANTED IN MY LIFE!***

From the very beginning of my Christian Walk, I had heard of all the wonderful Promises that were in the Bible. But, I don't recall anyone explaining how I could receive those promises or even if I deserved all of them or any of them. (Here we find another bad crop).

I knew I had to change the results (crops) but how could I? The first thing I realized was that I had to start with the seeds I already had because they were from the original crop. How could I change the seeds?

Simple! First I had to understand the seeds I had to work with.

Here are the ones I started with:

- I will always run out of steam doing the things other people do easily,
- I will always have trouble with my health,
- I will always have other people pushing me around and still love them,
- I will always have trouble doing the simplest tasks,
- If you do not do things right you will be punished and that punishment usually has nothing to do with the thing you did wrong,
- No one will ever be satisfied with what you are doing or how you are doing it.

Here are the ones I wanted to plant:

I can do just as much as anyone can else can, and more!

*Re 21:7 He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

I watch my health and see the doctor regularly to eliminate any concerns. The rest is in God's hands!

*Be not wise in your own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to your navel, and marrow to your bones.*

I will always love people even if they choose to push me around from time to time.

*Withhold not good things from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do it.*

I can tackle any task that is laid before me!

*In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths.*

I want to learn the right things to do and avoid the wrong things.

*My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD, neither become weary of his correction: For whom the LORD loves he corrects, even as a father the son in whom he delights.*

I want the right people to appreciate the things I do.

*Let not mercy and truth forsake you: bind them about your neck; write them upon the table of your heart: So shall you find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.*

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## How did I get these seeds?

As the Lord provided understanding of that I had become and showed me who I could be, He opened my eyes to the fact that our seeds are based on the following:

- Our understanding of the ways things are or how they happened,
- Our understanding of why people said and did the things they did,
- Our belief of the things that are in control of our life,
- Our reasoning of why things happened to us,
- Our experiences we have had and the circumstances we were in when we had them

So how did I get me new seeds?

I went back to the experiences and circumstances that the original seeds came from them and examined them with my new “insight”.

*As a child I was asthmatic and very thin. Some would refer to me as sickly or undernourished. As I grew older I came to accept the references to me as facts. Because they came from the adults in my life, I accepted them as true and that they defined who I was as a person. Who doesn't want to live up to the vision that people have for you?*

People cared about my well being and only wanted the best for me. There may have been cause for concern in some cases, but a lot of my health could be developed and monitored into a healthy person. Even with health as an issue, my mind could be developed to a greater degree. I could become someone that these people could have a better vision.

*Because I was asthmatic and thin, my father would do everything he could to make me push myself beyond what I thought I could do, even if it meant punishment for not being able to accomplish the simple things that I never really had any instruction about. Punishment could take the form of a simple look of disapproval to a fist in the middle of my back. Most of the time it was the later. Who doesn't want a father who approves of them?*

Dad did teach me to push myself and I realized I could do a lot more than I ever dreamed. His interpretation of punishment was based on the seeds in his life from his childhood. Life may not be fair all the time but the Lord makes sure it turns out right in the end.

**By examining the reason I had the seeds I started with, the Lord opened my eyes to use those same circumstances to find the good and great side of the situation and develop new ways for the old seeds to grow. Much like the husband of the vine must tie the vines up onto the fence or posts and trim the unwanted growths from the grapes, so must we hold up the circumstances that helped our seeds to grow incorrectly and trim off those parts that don't really belong.**

**So now I've got my seeds what do I do next?**

**Remember what I did with my first seeds?**

*As time went on these seeds were planted, watered and given oxygen. Just as all seeds are, in order to grow.*

*I planted them in my mind, by the constant thoughts about them, dwelling on them and worrying about them.*

*I watered them by the constant repetition of them, aloud, in an emotional state, usually in anger or frustration.*

*I gave them oxygen by finding times and instances when I believed they proved to be true, (even if I wasn't seeing things as they really were).*

**How do I accomplish that with these new seeds in a way that will make them grow stronger than the others?**

**As time went on these seeds were planted, watered and given oxygen. Just as all seeds are, in order to grow.**

**I planted them in my mind, though constant thoughts about them, focusing on them.**

**I watered them with constant prayers for them and allowed myself to become emotional in my prayers to hear myself cry, scream and even get angry with myself for not following the Lord's instruction.**

**I gave them oxygen by seeing times and circumstance that they were beginning to grow in my life. I thanked the Lord for answers to my prayers about them long before they became a reality.**

**I read my Bible from end to end and then used my reference materials to study the “old seeds” and how to remove them from my life and to study the “new seeds” and how to nourish them and help them blossom in my life.**

**During the course of this time I encountered many authors of books designed provide self-improvement. Everything they said (that rang true) was already covered in the Bible.**

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## Creation Concept

We are created in God's Image.

*Genesis 1:27*

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

Knowing this we can believe that we are also creators.

The proof is evident all around us, artists of all kinds, musicians, poets, writers, sculptures, painter even philosophers and teachers to some degree. Anyone who can produce something that was not there previously. This would also include thought processes or ideas and concepts.

We all have an ability to create. Some in more pleasing to the eye, mind or heart ways and others in ways that may not even be known or seen by others.

I know one woman in particular that knows that she can not sing or draw or write any type of poetry.

When this woman stands before the Throne of God and petitions the Master of the Universe I can almost see the bridge that is created between God Almighty and earth.

When she sings in her prayer time the beauty of the song is enough to take your breath away.

I know another man who believes that he is not very good looking and can't write or sing or draw.

I have seen this man create light in a dark situation with just his smile. I have seen him build concepts and ideas that no other person could see. I have seen him create a sound business with those concepts and ideas.

A man most people would just pass on the street that can build you up and help create a new confidence in yourself that would make you want to embrace him for the rest of your life.

These people are creators.

Neither of these people are "ordained ministers" but both would tell you that what they do is their ministry.

## **What is a ministry?**

The definition I personally use is this:

**Using your God given talents to help others to see the Lord and His handiwork.**

This would include using any talents you may possess to:

- **Help someone understand how much God loves them**
- **Help someone understand the beauty of the Lord**
- **Help someone believe in Christ**
- **Help someone believe in their God given talents**
- **Help someone see the beauty of God in others**
- **Help someone in the time of need to see that God will meet the need**
- **Sometimes just listening to someone without judgment or criticism**

This list could go on and on...

How do you find your ministry and thereby begin your creations? What is it that you are naturally good at?

Remember this is just the starting point. The Lord can use you in many ways you are NOT naturally gifted.

Don't limit this to things other people have told you that you are or are not good at but use what input you have received as part of the process of discovering what type of creating you NEED to be doing in your life.

Here are just a few examples that you could consider.

- *Sewing*
- *Typing*
- *Listening*
- *Comedy (clean of course)*
- *Cooking*
- *Gardening*
- *Building or repairing things (furniture, homes, sculptures or ceramics, etc.)*
- *Speaking in groups*
- *Praying*
- *Singing*
- *Painting (both types)*
- *Cleaning and/or organizing*
- *Finances, understanding or implementation*
- *Leading people in any way*
- *Editing music or documents*
- *Serving people in any way*
- *Making people feel welcome anywhere*
- *Teaching people things*
- *Using a computer in any way*
- *Writing articles or poetry*
- *Repairing things like printers or computers, roofs or walls, watches or jewelry, etc.*
- *Encouraging other people*

Don't limit yourself to these only, but use them to open your mind to what talents you may have.

When you come across one that you may have ask yourself if you know how it could be used to minister to others.

If you can't answer it then it is probably not your ministry or "calling".

Sounds like your looking for a job doesn't it?

**YOU ARE!**

**Let's take a look at scripture. This is Christ speaking:**

*Luke 19:12-27 He said therefore,*

*A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.*

*But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.*

*And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.*

*Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.*

*And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.*

*And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.*

*And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?*

*And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.*

*But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.*

**In the TRUE STORY above Christ says, “A certain nobleman went”. This is not a just parable or a story to teach a lesson. This is real life and how the Lord works.**

**First a little additional information.**

- **Some versions use the word talents for money**
- **Talents can be in the form of time, skills and knowledge**

**There are a lot of lessons within this story.**

**First the most obvious ones:**

- **When God gives you anything He expects you to produce something from it.**
- **He who is given much, much is required**
- **God's rewards are not always right here and now.**
- **The longer we have to wait for our reward the greater it will be.**
- **If you choose not to be ruled by Christ you face certain... termination.**

**Most of these are self-explanatory. Now let's look a little deeper.**

- **The first two servants understood their master and did as they were told.**
- **The last servant felt he was not given much responsibility. He chooses not to use it at all.**
- **The reward God gives us for obedience is much greater than the responsibility he gives us.**
- **The Master has given us instructions to use our talents.**

**We are created in God's image. God is a creator. Therefore we are created, in part, to create.**

**There is an inherent obligation to create because we all have some talent (or God given ability) that will create a better world.**

**What is yours?**

**How are you using it?**

**How will you explain to the Lord that you have hidden your talent  
because you thought it was too small to be used?**

**Begin to create today.**

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## The Concept of GRACE

You are reading this book because of God's Grace.

What is the Concept of Grace? Put simply, this concept is that in order to obtain, be given or to retain power you must have grace in equal amounts.

Power, for our purpose in this book, comes in the form of strength or authority.

Consider the brown Bear. He is a very powerful (strong) creature, but who wants to be around him? He has no grace around people.

Consider the dictator. He is a very powerful (authoritative) creature, but people are only around him to get what they need to survive.

Without grace neither of these creatures will enjoy the company of other people or creatures. Is that the type of life you are looking for?

Consider the gymnast. He (or she) has the strength or power, to do amazing feats, but what makes the feats so amazing is the strength it takes and the grace to complete them.

Consider our countries most famous leaders. They had great authority or power to accomplish great things for our country and the people who live here. What made them so great was the grace they had with the people around them and those they worked with.

What is grace? First let's look at the One who designed us and in who's image we were created.

Can we understand God's Grace? Not in this lifetime! However, we can open our eyes to see how it is displayed (or manifested) in our world.

First let's look at the Grace of Salvation.

Did we deserve to have a chance to spend eternity with the One who created us? Absolutely NOT!

*Romans 3:23 says " For all have sinned and HAVE COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD".*

**This means that none of us have lived up to what God requires for us to be worthy of His Presence. None of us deserve anything from him. We should have to live as the animals with no understanding or thoughts or communication or enjoyment or opportunity for eternal life.**

**We are just a creation of God's own hand. Much like the first bowl of a pottery wheel or the first birdhouse in the shop class or the first cake a new cook makes.**

*John 3:16-18*

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”*

*For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

*He that believes on him is not condemned: but he that believes not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

## **The Lord God Almighty has the Grace to let us choose our own eternity!**

**With all His power and authority, He has given us the right to choose between:**

- **Spending eternity learning about Him and being able to understand all the things we wondered about while we were here and how we fit into His plans for the Universe and all creation.**

**OR**

- **Going to our graves and remaining separate from the One who created us while going through our own damnation with the full knowledge of what we could have had.**

**Which do you choose?**

So we see a small part of God's Grace is having the authority and using it to offer the choice to us.

He has also given mankind (His highest creation) many other gifts and opportunities to make this life more bearable and even more comfortable. In fact, He has given us the opportunity to have an abundant life.

*John 10:10 The thief comes not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:*

*I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

We as parents will only give those things that will help our children learn or offer them safe enjoyment or entertainment, and those things or gifts change as the child grows and develops.

As our understanding has developed, God has also given us gifts throughout time.

A short list of some of those gifts is:

- Science, which is our understanding of some of God's laws and how they effect us,
- Medicine which is our understanding of some of God's laws and how they effect our bodies,
- Physics which is our understanding of some of God's laws and how they effect our physical world,
- Democracy which is our understanding of some of God's laws and how they effect our right to choose,
- Nature which is the physical example of some of God's laws and how they relate to our lives in many ways,
- Psychology which is our understanding of some of how our mind works,
- Education which is our limited understanding of how we learn,
- The Church (Body of Christ) which opens our eyes to the constant revelation of Christ.

This list could go on and on but suffice to say, everything in our lives that helps us, nourishes us, prepares us, repairs us, provides us with opportunities for money, health, education, strength, authority or even fame is all part of the Grace of God.

**How we choose to use those gifts of Grace is our portion of grace to others.**

**Remember this, the more power (strength or authority) you gain in life must be proportionate to the amount of grace you have in your life.**

**As our Creator, God has given us the opportunity (with His help) to develop the grace necessary in our life to be able to maintain the power He has allowed us to gain.**

**Look at any truly successful person and you will see they give time and/or money to many causes. They provide concerts or charity drives for many causes. They have taken up the role of helping the less fortunate brothers and sisters on this earth.**

**Without the grace, the power becomes a repugnant and ugly to those around us. Remember the bear and the dictator above?**

**The other side of this concept is that when you have more grace than is equal to the power you have in your life, the Lord increases the power to balance the equation. One example would be the humble person that everyone seems to like and is appealing although he (or she) has no strength or authority to effect anyone else's life.**

**Some examples would include:**

**Paul the Apostle**

**Mother Theresa**

*2Corinthians 8:7 Therefore, as you abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that you abound in this grace also.*

**Take the time to ask the Lord to open your eyes to the grace you need  
and how to develop it in your life.**

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## **Growth Concept**

*By understanding the Grace Concept, the Seed Concept and the Creation Concept you will begin to understand the Growth Concept.*

*If you haven't read them to the point of understanding them*

*please do so before continuing with this chapter.*

**Growth is not just one item or another becoming larger.**

**Growth is the extension and expansion of life to the degree that it affects another life or lives.**

**We all have growth in our life. This includes the energy, time and effort we use each and every moment of each and every day.**

**Guess what ... that makes you equal to a weed!**

- **We all know that weeds grow and can adversely affect other plants.**
- **We all know this happens without any help or interference from us or anything else.**
- **We all know that this will never be a “good thing” for the plants around.**
- **We all know that the “growth” of these weeds will hinder the growth of other, more pleasant or desirable, plants.**
- **We all know it takes effort, planning and persistence to stop the growth of the weeds.**

**We see this as a negative thing, but, consider this:**

- **The weed is just fulfilling it's purpose.**
- **It is just doing what it was created to do.**
- **It is just living it's life as it wants.**
- **It really doesn't want any interference from anyone else, either!**

**Does this sound like anyone you know?**

**Does it sound like you sometimes?**

**Of course it does! We all have a bit of a “weed” in our natural personality.**

**Without any effort we continually do the wrong things or get into the wrong situations.**

**Without any planning we are constantly moving and growing ... but never seem to get anywhere.**

**Without any persistence to do otherwise we push to get our own way, even if it's wrong or may hurt others.**

**We must learn that just because we are learning and growing, does not mean we are learning the right things or growing in a beneficial manner to ourselves or to those around us.**

**Negative things within us (weeds) come naturally and without any regard for others, or even our own well being or our future for that matter.**

**Some examples of weeds in our lives are:**

- **excessive anger**
- **excessive drinking or drug addiction**
- **excessive gambling**
- **constant self pity**
- **eating disorders**
- **excessive television**
- **alcoholism**
- **work-aholism**
- **religious fanaticism**
- **over cleanliness**

**the list goes on and on**

**In other words, anything that is obsessive, compulsive or out of control in our life. We all have these things to some degree or another, at some time or another in our lives. I know I have lived in most of the above list at one time or another in my life.**

**None of those things are wrong in the right time and place,**

- **righteous anger (when you see that something is absolutely wrong)**
- **an occasional drink to celebrate or enjoy time with those you love (unless you are an alcoholic)**
- **an occasional wager or bet (when you can afford to lose the money)**
- **grief or sorrow (for a time and in the right circumstances)**
- **enjoying eating or fasting (for a time)**
- **watching television for entertainment or education**
- **drinking (in moderation) when you know you can control it**
- **working and focusing on a project for completion, then pulling away for time with family or for entertainment**
- **worshipping the Lord and then going out and putting His Word to use in the world**
- **being clean and sanitary**

**Do you see the difference?**

**The “weeds” are out of control. They are destructive. They contribute nothing to the beauty of our lives.**

**Any good gardener, counselor, psychiatrist or clergy person will tell you this:**

**To really remove the “weeds” you must do three things:**

- 1. remove the root**
- 2. replace the plant**
- 3. watch for new growth**

**How do you do this with the “weeds” in your life?**

## I. What is the root of your problem?

This is something only you can answer, but, these will help you answer it:

- Read God's word diligently.
- Spend time in prayer and ask God (The Ultimate Gardener) to help you.
- If you can't work it out for yourself, seek help before this weed chokes out all the beautiful things in your life. God has given us counselors in the form of spouses, friends, clergy, psychiatrists and even specially appointed people in the church (Body of Christ).

*I will say one thing here though. Many people think that counselors always want to “blame the mother”.*

*There is a reason for that.*

*Most of the “weeds” in your life are based on your thinking. Most of us learn our reasoning and deductive powers from our mother and to some degree from our father. What you think of yourself and how you treat yourself (and those you love) is entirely based on your thought processes. (More help on this in the next chapter).*

## II. What are you going to replace it with?

Remember this weed took root with the energy, time and effort you have in your life. Without replacing this weed another will grow back in its place.

My advice would be to find the “opposite” to plant in your life.

- excessive anger should become a passion for a cause, music, art or something that contributes
- excessive drinking or drug addiction should become a support or outreach to be with and help others in a positive way
- excessive gambling should be taking risks in the art of public speaking or other “safe” risks
- constant self pity should become a passion for others, retirement home, unwed mothers, etc.
- eating disorders should become a passion for health, physical and mental
- excessive television should become time for others, family, friends, the unloved and uncared for in the world
- alcoholism should become the pursuit of a healthy life style, physically, mentally and spiritually
- work-aholicism should become a passion for friends and family
- religious fanaticism should become a new passion for understanding and compassion for others
- over cleanliness should become a love of doing all the things you miss out on by “not getting your hands dirty”

Keep in mind these are only suggestions and examples. God created you differently and you may see other loves or passions that would replace your “weeds”.

### **III. How do you watch for new growth?**

**Anytime you or anyone around you (that is important to you and loves you):**

- **feels negative**
- **complains that anything is too much**
- **you have negative emotions for any length of time**
- **you feel out of control (for any amount of time)**
- **some one outright tells you that you have a problem**

**This doesn't mean a new weed has started ...**

**It only means to stop and check your garden.**

**The next chapter offers some help on this and in planting some beautiful things in your garden.**

**What are some of the seeds in your life?**

**How do you plan to plant the right seeds?**

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## **What's in a Word?**

While explaining the concept of *Right Thinking* to my friend his first reaction was that all a person had to do was change their vocabulary.

While this is actually part of the process, it is not the first step in the process and the results would be only temporary if used alone.

While the process actually begins in your heart and mind, the physical proof (evidence) that you accept the process and are willing to initiate the changes needed, are the change in the way you talk about yourself and the world around you.

The process of changing your vocabulary usually follows the following steps:

1. The words seem forced or you have to stop to think to find the right words,
2. The words begin to come easier and feel more natural,
3. You get used to using one word or term and realize there is a better word or term,
4. You actually begin to feel good and maybe even a little excited about your new outlook on your life and the possibilities it holds for you and those you love,
5. You begin to find other areas of your life that need changing and begin to speak power into those changes by using your new vocabulary,
6. You begin to feel in control of your life (with Christ's guidance),
7. You begin to share with people around you by helping them change their thinking and vocabulary.

Why would you want to change your vocabulary?

Remember the Seed Concept?

You are always planting seeds.

One of the ways you plant seeds is by "speaking things into being".

Now this is not a magical power or anything like that.

This is my understanding of this works.

- A) You begin with a thought.
- B) That thought is cultivated through the process of concentration.
- C) Concentration is from the “heart”, or the depth of your soul.
- D) Your soul being in communication with the Lord has expressed a prayer from the heart to the Master of the Universe.
- E) As a Heavenly Father it is His wish for us to be happy and through the freedom of choice we can ask Him for anything. He will provide it.
- F) Once we voice it we have petitioned the Almighty to bring it about.
- G) Even if it is not good for us He allows it to be true, in order to be true to His Word.

The Bible is God’s Word. Many people think this means that it is the words spoken by the Lord. While that is definitely true it is not the FULL meaning.

***We call it God’s Word because it is His Promise!***

Much like when we give “our word” on something to show we will do whatever we promise, God has given His Word. Christ is called the Word because He is the Word that became life. God’s Promise that He would provide a way for us to come back into full communion with Him.

The words you use are your promise to yourself and your subconscious mind will do everything it can to bring about the circumstances to prove you right. To prove you’re telling the truth.

Call yourself “Dumb” or “Stupid” or and what have you asked your subconscious mind to prove?

Call yourself “Fat” or “Ugly” and what have you asked your subconscious mind to prove?

Call yourself “Poor” and what have you asked your subconscious mind to prove?

Call yourself “Mean” and what have you asked your subconscious mind to prove?

Tell yourself you “get angry easy” and what have you asked your subconscious mind to prove?

Changing your vocabulary serves many purposes.

- You hear things that you want to believe, whether they are that way now or not.
- Your new vocabulary reflects the thoughts you are planting in your mind and now you have actually heard it that way, AND IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

- Your mind begins to process thoughts in a new way because you have given it permission to “open up to the possibilities”.
- You are giving your subconscious things to prove that will enrich your life instead of limiting your options for you.
- You have begun the process of creation.

Remember to choose your words carefully. Look for the hidden meanings that your subconscious mind may pick up on.

An example may be like this:

“I make enough money to pay all my bills.”

Your subconscious will work towards finding ways for you to make enough money .....

..... but it will also find ways for the all the money to be spent when all the bills are paid.

You can't get a head that way!

A better wording would be:

“I make more than enough money to pay all my bills, have money for entertainment and fun and still put \$100.00 into savings each paycheck.”

**In all things speak abundance into your life.**

**It's what your heavenly Father wants for you, Christ came to give you and the Holy Spirit is ready to help you find!**

***John 10:10***

***The thief comes not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:***

***I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.***

***This prayer goes out to all who have read and accepted the principles outlined in this book.***

***Dear Heavenly Father, I ask that you bless those who have read this book. Bless their hearts and minds and allow them to know Your Love and Grace in their lives.***

***Give them the insight to see and find the seeds You have for them. Show them how to water and care for the proper seeds and help them find and remove the weeds from their lives.***

***Bless all their endeavors with Your Power and Understanding.***

***As You Bless them and their and their families and loved ones, grant them the grace to bless others with whatever blessings You bring into their lives.***

***Anything in this writing that applies to their lives, I ask that You scorch it in their hearts and keep it in their minds. Should there be anything in this writing that does not apply or is not in Your Will for their lives remove it from their memory.***

***In the Precious Name of Jesus Christ we ask this.***

***AMEN!***

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## Beginner's Prayer

*This book is written for the person who believes in Christ and has accepted Him as Lord and Saviour.*

If you have not yet accepted Him as your lord, you may or may not see the “truths” within this book.

*John For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever*

*3:16 believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*John For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world*

*3:17 through him might be saved.*

*John I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and*

*10:9 find pasture.*

*John*

*10:10 ... I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

**To accept Christ as your Saviour say this short prayer with true honesty and in faith:**

**Lord Jesus, I know that I have sinned and done things wrong in your eyes. I ask for your forgiveness, even though I know I don't deserve it. The Bible says that God loved me so much that He sent You to die on the cross for my sins. It also says that you rose from the dead to show the power You have over everything spiritual, even death itself.**

**I believe you have forgiven me and have paid the price for my sins with your own blood. I know I will never be perfect while I'm on this earth, but, I believe that the Holy Spirit or “The Comforter” you sent will help me walk with you in my heart, teach me more about you in my mind and help me to praise you with my lips.**

**Thank you Jesus for the forgiveness and mercy you have given me this day and help my to become the person you created me to be!**

**AMEN**

**The next steps?**

- **Find a church or body of Christian believers,**
  - **study your bible,**
  - **check it against anything anyone tells you**
- **And most importantly, develop a personal walk with Jesus Christ.**

## What's this all about?

This book was written to allow the so-called “common man” develop the UNCOMMON LIFE.

The concepts developed in this book are based on what we will call Right Thinking.

Right Thinking is the term we will use to explain the process that takes the average person to above average results. It is based on the premise that our thoughts and ideas develop into the physical, mental and spiritual things that are in our life.

### Philippians: Chapter 4 verses 4 through 8 says:

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

*If you are not sure you are a Christian*

*we have included a short “beginner's prayer”*

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