

up through the earth, spread out our branches, and burst into blossom. Such a thriving condition, however, isn't always evident in our lives. It's so easy to become bored and listless in the bland routine of our daily activities. Often we just hang on and merely exist without moving steadily toward maturity and fruitfulness.

At such times we are at a spiritual standstill and must allow Jesus the "Sun of Righteousness" (Mal. 4:2) to warm our hearts anew with His love. We must send our roots deep into the Word of God by meditating on it day and night (Ps. 1:2). Then we will be like a fruitful tree planted by rivers of living water, and our branches will extend outward in an ever-increasing influence and witness. They will be filled with blossoms that reflect the beauty of righteous living.

If we've become dormant, let's get growing! --MRDII

*If God can make a tiny seed  
Into a flower so fair,  
What can He make, O soul, of you  
Through study, faith, and prayer? --Anon.*

**When growth stops, decay begins.**



**Pastor:**

**Wayne Robilliard**

17 Woodland Ave, Hazelbrook

**Ph: 4758 8778.**

0404 804 778

*Please feel free to contact the Pastor for any needs you may have, queries, or questions about our church family.*

[www.mountainsbaptist.org.au](http://www.mountainsbaptist.org.au)

[4wayner@tpg.com.au](mailto:4wayner@tpg.com.au)

## Central Mountains Baptist Church

# 14 AUGUST, 2011

### Let's Get Growing

**Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. --2 Peter 3:18**

Several years ago my interest in flowers turned our home into something of a nursery. There's something about the presence of growing plants that I find very enjoyable. As I daily inspected their progress, I gained from my little green friends a new appreciation of the joy and necessity of the wonderful process of growth.

As Christians, we too are like plants. We should put down our roots, break





# Discipleship Series

## Naval Oranges at Last



**(James 1:21-23)** "Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. {22} But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. {23} For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;" **(Ephesians 4:22-24)** "that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, {23} and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, {24} and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."

Today we consider 5 ways in which the fruit of love is to be expressed:

### 1. In \_\_\_\_\_,

**(Deuteronomy 6:5-7)** ""You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. {6} "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. {7} "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up." **(1 Timothy 4:12)** "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity."



### 2. In extravagant \_\_\_\_\_, Psalm 145:1-21



### 3. In extravagant \_\_\_\_\_,

**(Luke 10:38-42)** "Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. {39} And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. {40} But Martha was distracted with

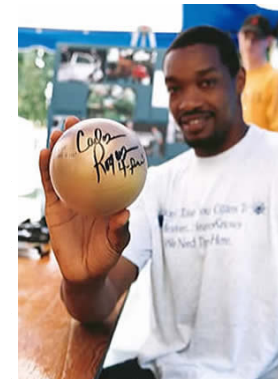


much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." {41} And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. {42} "But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."" **(Psalms 63:1-6)** "O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water. {2} So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory. {3} Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You. {4} Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. {5} My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips. {6} When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches."



### 4. In extravagant \_\_\_\_\_,

**(John 12:1-8)** "Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. {2} There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. {3} Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. {4} Then one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, {5} "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" {6} This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. {7} But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. {8} "For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always.""



### 5. In extravagant \_\_\_\_\_,

**(Acts 20:22-24)** ""And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, {23} "except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. {24} "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."

