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WATCH

Use these notes to follow along as you <u>watch the video</u>. Be sure to fill in the blanks and write your own thoughts down as you take steps toward a lifelong commitment to growth.

If you commit to growth, there will be an eventual harvest. Faithful leaders grow when the rains come, when winds try to blow them over.

Leaders who are committed to being hungry, who are committed to growing, learn how to cultivate the soil of their hearts in prayer.

It's not always natural to want to grow, so we need to let God reclaim what natural means in our lives.

Humble and hungry leaders:

- 1. Know who they are (identity in Christ).
- 2. Have gifts from God (called to be humble).
- 3. Commit to continual growth (committed to be hungry).

They learn and lead themselves. They gather experience, and aren't scared away by fear of failure. They are relentlessly committed to relationships and continual growth.

If you aren't hungry for growth, your leadership will grow stale. The best leaders are the best learners.

Humble and hungry leaders commit to growing, especially when it's not easy or comfortable. Humble and hungry leaders are disciples first, leaders second.

READ

Take time to read and meditate on the following passages of Scripture.

Galatians 6:9 (ESV)

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Colossians 3:23 (ESV):

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV):

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV):

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

2 Peter 3:18 (ESV):

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

PRAY

Pray through these things throughout the week. Commit each day to God and His will for it, even when you may not feel like it.

- In Luke 2, a young Jesus spends time in the temple with older teachers, and at the end, it says, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man." (Luke 2:52, ESV) Jesus modeled a commitment to growth even at a young age. Pray to God that He would increase your wisdom and maturity.
- Take stock of the fruit of the spirit in your own life (Galatians 5:16-25). Ask God to reveal which fruit of the is most lacking. Repent, and be honest with yourself and with Him about why this has been a void in your life. Ask God to produce more.
- Ask God to prune the parts of you that don't reflect these fruits. Invite Him to uproot the things in your life that stunt your growth.
- Spend some time asking God to give you a deeper hunger for His Word, and that He would help you grow in your gifts and abilities for His glory.

DISCUSS

Think on these questions throughout your week. Write a short response or prompt to each, and come ready to discuss them with your group.

1.	What's been the greatest season of personal growth in your life? Your leadership?
2.	How do you ask others for feedback? How do you find out what it's like to be on the other side of your leadership?
3.	Can you recall a time when you had to endure a difficult situation? What kind of lasting effects did that experience have on you?

4.	We've ment leader?	tioned it a few times now, but what do you think of the three questions every follower asks of a	
	a.	Can I trust you?	
	b.	Do you care for me?	
	C.	Can you help me?	
5.		se three questions:	
	a.	What are practical ways that you can build trust with others?	
	b.	How can you be sure your followers know that you care?	
	C.	What are you doing to be able to help others more?	
6.	If a humble	and hungry leader is a disciple first and leader second, what are you currently doing to grow as a	
	disciple?		

ACTION

What's the one thing you're going to do different in light of what God showed you this week? If the best leaders are the best learners, what are you learning right now that will make you a better leader?

RESOURCES

We want to point you in the direction of some essential books written on this topic, for further growth and development.

- Leadership Pain by Samuel Chand
- Leadership Insight by Gene Harker