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Growth, Structure, and Nutrients



A few things we find easy to take for granted are oxygen, sunlight, photosynthesis, and growth itself.

We also often take structure for granted. Anything that grows requires structure. This is obvious when we consider the variety of flowers, vegetables, and trees—and anything with bones or an external shell. Even an amoeba has a structure to it.

For an organism to grow proportionately, according to its DNA, the environment in which it grows must be tended (or at least not distorted from the Creator's original intent). All the natural processes inherent to the organism (think photosynthesis, digestion, cell division, etc.) will continue as long as the required nutrients are available and taken in. Nutrients come from outside the organism, and its growth is shaped by what occurs outside it.

Humans are spiritual beings with physical bodies—true marvels that we often take for granted. The natural processes inherent to our physical bodies just seem to occur, whether we think about them or not. As you know, if we want our bodies to grow with proper proportions, according to our DNA, there are factors that need attention. The same is true of our spirits.

Healthy growth requires essential nutrients and a purposefully tended environment. The physical world and bodies in which our spiritual beings exist are under constant attack in attempts to distort the environments in which the Creator has placed us. It has become more and more challenging for our minds and spirits to avoid nutritional distraction. A conundrum it is.

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Lake Beauty Bible Camp's mission is to provide environments in which Jesus transforms lives. In recent newsletters, I've been exploring what goes into shaping and tending those environments. This is a brief look at how nutrients and environments work together to support growth.

For our spirits to grow proportionately according to the spiritual DNA given to us by our Creator, we need the nutrients that come from the Word of God. Every chapel speaker is asked to base their messages on what the Holy Scriptures tell us, and every summer camp theme is rooted in a specific verse from the Bible that communicates either an essential nutrient or an intended fruit.

As a ministry of the Northwest Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church, LBBC holds to and aligns with the Covenant Affirmations, one of which is The Centrality of the Word of God.

During this season of leadership transition and restructuring for purposeful growth, we are revisiting the things in which we are rooted. This includes our denomination's Affirmations and our own declared and discovered core values. One of our long-standing, yet internally under-explored, core values is **Biblically Grounded.**

We want to collect and curate the Scripture passages that have been foundational to LBBC's environment and fruitful in the lives of those who have come through it.

In your encounters with the Triune God and His Word at LBBC, which passages of Scripture has He used to form and transform you?

Send your Scripture references to **lbbc@lbbc.com.**

We'll receive them with gratitude, reflect on them, and see what the Holy Spirit directs us to do with them.

Thank you, and praise be to the Word for His Word.