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# Cultivation

## The Key to Spiritual Harvest

**M**y daddy's garden was the most beautiful, well-kept garden that I have ever seen. Each day in the summer, my father would go out into his garden and just threaten a weed to show up or a rock to surface. Throughout the season, we would consistently have wonderful tomatoes, corn, bean, cucumbers...my mouth is watering just thinking about it! In the upper right corner of the garden were gorgeous flowers for the viewing and for dad to pick and bring into my mama for beautiful bouquets in the house.

One of the keys to his successful farming was the cultivation. He plowed the field in the fall turning the ground and furrowing in rich fertilizer from our large chicken house. When planting time came, he cultivated the soil with either his large or small tiller, allowing the tines to break up the soil into soft powder. Throughout the growing season, he would regularly run the small tiller between the rows of crops keeping the ground soft and dispensing of any weeds. And for the areas between the plants where the tiller couldn't go, he would use a garden hoe to cultivate. Close to the plant, he would be on his knees pulling any weeds that dared to break to the surface.

This continual cultivation accomplished several purposes. It kept the ground soft so that any moisture through rain or irrigation would seep into the ground down to the root systems rather than simply running off. It illuminated unwanted plants (weeds) which would steal water and nutrients from the desired crop. Due to his diligence (and the children's assistance), we reaped the benefit of amazing produce throughout the growing season that was envied by other farmers in the region. Yet, often they did not envy for long because daddy was quick to share his wonderful vegetables with others.

Our spiritual lives need cultivation. Our fallow ground needs to be busted up so that we can soak up the rain

of his Spirit and receive his word which comes into our lives. The weeds of sin and distraction must be uprooted so that they do not sap precious strength or spiritually strangle our inner being.

Jesus uses this same analogy in the parable of the sower in Matthew 13. Some call it the parable of the soils. He shares with the disciples about the hard ground (both the path and the rocky ground) which hinders the crop. He also speaks of the seed which fell among thorns where the thorns grew up and choked them. You can almost hear the lift in Jesus' voice as he shares about the good soil (cultivated, weed and rock free) which receives the good seed and produces a bumper crop of thirty, sixty, and one hundredfold.

So how do we cultivate our hearts and lives to produce a quality spiritual harvest? We daily spend time in prayer and his word to receive his spiritual rain. We listen closely to the Spirit as He points out rocks and weeds which must be eradicated from the ground of our soul. These may be actual sins or temptations which we need to avoid or things which are not sin but will misdirect us or steal our time and energy. We cultivate by keeping our minds open to the direction of the Holy Spirit as He directs us internally, through circumstances, and through the input of others breaking up the hard ground of our lives. We walk into the spiritual garden of our heart each day just daring a rock or weed to show its ugly head ready to pluck it up and dispose of it immediately. As we receive from Him and from others and apply truths, nutrients soak into the roots of our spiritual crops so that we can produce a bountiful harvest.

May your life be just like my daddy's garden; rock-free, weed-free producing a crop of spiritual maturity. May there be a harvest of many lives touched when they receive from the spiritual produce of your life.



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# cul·ti·vate

to improve by labor, care, or study : REFINE

**W**hat are you doing to grow as a follower of Christ, a leader or as a minister of the gospel? God's word says, "Study to show yourself approved unto God; a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15"

Daily, we should be asking God to show us areas in our lives that need to be cultivated in order to

develop into the women of God He purposed each of us to be. Refresh Ministry Women has committed to provide such resources to further your growth. We exist for you!

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*Vicki*

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# Cultivation



Cultivation is the process of preparing the soil to produce a crop. You will never have a crop if you don't break up the fallow ground. Hardened soil cannot receive the seed. The seed placed on uncultivated ground will never germinate and produce new life. The same is true about the good seed of the Gospel. The soil of our souls must be broken up and continually cultivated if the good seed of the Gospel is to produce what God intended in our lives.

I believe God has called us to produce a wonderful crop of "Excellence" in our lives and in our ministries. Peter gives us an insight into what God has designed our lives to produce.

*2 Peter 1:3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.*

We see that we are called to live our lives in His glory; living with a "Spirit of Excellence" but this cannot happen with a cultivating process.

Peter tells us the cultivating process that allows the good seed of the Gospel to produce a spirit of excellence in our lives. *2 Peter 1:5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.*

The plow of the Gospel is made sharp by our faith. Faith allows the gospel to break through the hardened layers of the soil of our hearts. Peter describes our lives as being cultivated so that when the good seed of the Gospel falls into our hearts it produces a Spirit of Excellence

Look with me at this process of cultivation in our lives. When you prepare soil to produce an excellent crop you use a plow to break up the ground and then you disk the ground to make it softer, then you plow the soil into rows to receive the seed. Peter's words in verses 5-7 is describing the cultivation process in our lives. To have a "Spirit of Excellence" the soil of our lives must go through a cultivation process.

Look with me at this cultivation process that must happen in each of our lives.

- To our Faith we must add virtue. = Moral Excellence:

- To Virtue, Moral excellence we must add knowledge. = Familiarity, awareness, or understanding gained through experience and study:

- To knowledge self-control is added. = The knowledge of God's greatness must lead us to a place that we deny and control the flesh:

- To Self- control we add perseverance = Steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success:

- To perseverance we must add godliness. = Reverence and respect to God and doing what is pleasing to God:

- To godliness brotherly love = a feeling of affection for our brothers and sisters in Christ:

- To brotherly love you add love. = Tender affection is added to a love that is true and complete commitment to God and to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our lives, our local churches, our Network, and even our Fellowship must continually be cultivated. If we aren't working the soil of our souls we will not produce a Spirit of Excellence. Look at what Peter said would happen without proper cultivation. *2 Peter 1:8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.*

If we are not constantly working the cultivation process in our lives we will become ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of God. We will not only be ineffective or unfruitful we will be blind to where we are and where we came from. *9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind,*

My prayer is; God continually drop your plow into the soil of my heart cultivate me so that I can produce a "Spirit of Excellence."





# MISSIONS

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## “I’m A Cultivator Man”

I know something about cultivation. Just the thought of it takes me back to row-crop farming in the bootheel of Missouri. Decades ago I was a cultivator man.

There are a few things that I remember well. One, was the monotonous routine. I would plow to the end of the field, turn around and plow back, then repeat, hundreds of times in a day. Try that for ten or twelve hours.

This plowing, though monotonous, was very important and strategic. Each pass of the plows worked the soil, helping the plants to grow. It was all in preparation for a more bountiful harvest.

Plowing, requires conscientious alertness. The same plows that can loosen the soil, cutting down and removing weeds and grass, can also slice through the plants we are tending. A careless or sleepy farmer will do harm.

A cultivator man is important. The work he does is vital. Perhaps this is why in Genesis chapter two we read these words: “When the Lord made the earth and the heavens and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no man to work the ground”. Notice, there was no harvest till God had a man to work the ground. Notice, there was no harvest till God had a man to work the ground.

Cultivating is not glamorous, just as much of what we ministers do is not glamorous. Yet we are doing a good work. Let us keep working the soil, that we may have a rich harvest of souls. Let us be good cultivator men!

**Carrol Deal**



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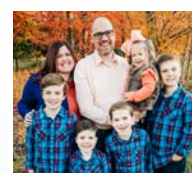
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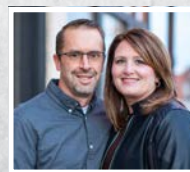
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Does not include sensitive country missionaries.





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# *Cultivating a Culture of* **STEWARDSHIP**

- 1. Use the offering as a teaching moment** - Each and every week, the time of offering provides a natural opportunity to teach the theology of giving and to inspire generosity.
- 2. Exercise the vocabulary of generosity** - Congregations with strong cultures of generosity saturate their preaching, prayers, and worship with references to God's generosity, gratitude, and giving as an act of faith. Week in and week out, they use a vocabulary that helps congregants understand the connection between faith and generosity — not just during the offering, not just on Sunday mornings, but using the lens of gratitude and generosity to frame every aspect of congregational life.
- 3. Tell the story** - Congregations with strong cultures of generosity make a point of telling people about the good that comes about as a result of giving. They share success stories. They illustrate how generosity propels their mission.
- 4. Offer testimonies** - People speaking from the heart about why they give and the joy it engenders powerfully shape a culture of generosity.
- 5. Say thank you** - Gratitude and generosity are two sides of the same coin. Saying thank you promptly and regularly is one of the simplest and most effective things a congregation can do to reinforce a sense of gratitude and enhance giving.
- 6. Teach about giving during Christmas** - Because holiday gift-giving is so deeply engrained in secular culture, Christmas is a logical time for the church to teach about generosity.
- 7. Involve children and youth** - If a toddler has ever crammed a soggy Cheerio into your mouth, you know that even babies are wired for generosity. Children (and youth) of all ages understand the simple message that we have received much from God and God wants us to be generous in return. Emphasizing generosity in ministry with children not only prepares a future generation of givers, but it helps form parents and families as well because adults often pay extra attention to what their children are taught.

Portions of this article is excerpted from *Generosity, Stewardship, and Abundance: A Transformational Guide to Church Finances* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2021) by Lovett H. Weems Jr. and Ann A. Michel.





## CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

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# MAKE EVERY EFFORT...

When I was much younger, I dreamed of the day that I would be done with having to go to school. I was tired of learning and thought that one day, I would learn “enough” to be through with it all. As I have gotten older, I have realized that we are never done learning.

That being said, I wonder how many people have decided that they’ve learned “enough” in their spiritual lives and have stopped pursuing a deeper knowledge of God’s Word – or a deeper knowledge of God himself? **As a follower of Christ, we can never stop learning.**

In 2 Peter 1:5-8, Peter writes:

*5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;*

*6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

So, what does this mean?

Peter is encouraging us to grow or **CULTIVATE** our faith, which means to “apply oneself to improving or developing.” (Oxford Dictionary) I join Peter in challenging you to **CULTIVATE** your faith in “increasing measure” to keep from being ineffective and unproductive.



## ST. LOUIS



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# CHURCH PLANTING

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## CHRIS WIGGS, CHURCH PLANTING DIRECTOR

### Preparing the Ground

When I was a kid, I was fascinated with the seeds I would find in apples and other fruits. I was convinced that I could go in my backyard, put the seeds in the ground, and a tree would grow. I tried this time and again, but I was never able to grow an apple tree. These days I'm happy to buy my apples from the store. I never think about the time, effort, and energy someone has put into creating an environment where healthy apples can grow. When it comes to starting healthy churches, the environment is everything. The time spent planning and laying the groundwork for a church plant is more important than the launch itself. Many of our church planters spend a year or more refining their vision, fundraising, building a healthy team, etc.

Victory Church in Springfield is doing just that. Pastors Alex and Marianna Limonchenko have spent the last year preparing for the launch of their church. They have faced disappointments and setbacks, but with God's help, they plan to officially launch this fall! As ministers, our job is to cultivate the ground, and it's God's job to make things grow. When we do our part, God is always faithful to do His! What are you cultivating in your ministry? The amount of effort you put in at the front end will determine the outcome!

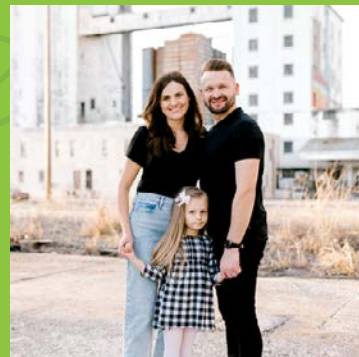
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I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.  
1 Corinthians 3:6 ESV

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### Alex and Marianna Limonchenko



Alex Limonchenko is the Lead Pastor of Victory Church in Springfield, Mo. He is married to his beautiful wife, Marianna, and they have one precious girl, Zoe. Alex immigrated from Ukraine when he was 18 years old. He knew that God called him to ministry when he was a teen. He obtained his bachelor's degree in Respiratory Therapy from Georgia State University and a Master of Divinity from AGTS.



## GROWING HEALTHY CHURCHES ACROSS MISSOURI





## CROSS POINTE CAMP

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# THE SPIRITUAL IMPACT OF CROSS POINTE CAMP

## CULTIVATING LIVES FOR THE WORK OF THE KINGDOM!

Once again, the lives of students were changed and impacted at camp by the powerful work of the Holy Spirit.

The Spiritual Results for both Youth and Kid's camps 2023 were as follows:

First Time Salvations: 256

Recommitments: 1,062

Holy Spirit Baptisms: 459

Called: 623

Healed: 1,060

Encounters with Jesus: 1,506

Mission funds raised: \$91,402

Praise to the Lord for His awesome power to work in young lives. In a culture and world where people are disintegrating, God is raising up a standard against the enemies plans and work.



A highlight of camps this summer was an outdoor service at the point during Kid's Camp because of a power outage.

### *Camp Celebration 2023*

The project for "Camp Celebration" this year is a pavilion that will cover a large area at the miniature golf/rock wall area. This will be such a benefit for outdoor activities out of the sun and rain. Offerings for Camp Celebration projects enables our Network to have one of the best camps in the nation and draws campers to want to come to Southern Missouri Network Camps!



### Fall Prayer Encounter

November 10th and 11th  
Cross Pointe Camp

**SOMO**  
**Prayer Network**

Read the monthly prayer letter at  
**SOMOpayer.com**





## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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To Cultivate spiritually means “to prepare for the raising of crops,” “to protect and encourage the growth of,” “to cause to grow by special attention or by studying, advancing, developing, or practicing.”

I love this so much! This is exactly what our SO MO Women's Department is doing intentionally with every event we conduct.

We exist to prepare, to protect the hearts of SO MO women, to encourage them to grow in God, and to empower through growth tracks and training.

We exist to challenge and equip women to passionately pursue God, and to influence their world.

SO MO Women's Department are making a difference here at home and around the world.

I have never heard a woman who believes in who we are and what we do say, “It was a waste of time!”

Thank you for encouraging your ladies to cooperate with our department. We will continue to encourage your ladies to be faithful to God and the local church. We will continue to empower them to use the gifting's they have been blessed with. As a department we will continue to minister out of a heart of love and compassion.

Sincerely,

**Sherry Welch**

SOMO Women's Director

*My dear girl,  
you are beautiful*

**SOMO WOMEN FALL RETREATS ON THE LAKE**  
**EAST: September 14-16 || WEST: September 21-23**

*"True beauty begins within."*  
**1 Peter 3:4**

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## GIRLS MINISTRIES

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# Developing a Pure Heart

When you walk into a dark room, what is your initial response? At a pretty young age we have developed certain norms for daily life including that in most given situations when we enter into a dark room we look for the light switch. We become acutely aware of our norm when the power goes out even for a short duration it cuts into our normal daily routine. In 1 Peter 2:9, the Bible says, "God has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light."

As a follower of Christ, Christ has redeemed us from the darkness of sin and has called for us to walk in His presence, the light. Psalm 24:3-4 says, "Who may climb the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? Only those whose hands and hearts are pure, who do not worship idols and never tell lies. "Developing a Pure Heart begins at salvation where

there is distinct separation between light and darkness and continues as we spend time continually in God's presence.

A pure heart is a direct reflection of time spent in God's presence where our will, our position, our ideas are not as important as hearing the voice of the Lord! Girls today are in an intense battle between light and darkness. So often the roar of the world is loud and sending confusing messages to their heart. As leaders we must be intentional about creating places for girls to develop a pure heart in God's presence. Consider how you can pray and prepare an atmosphere for girls in your church and community to develop a pure heart. May we crave the presence of God as instinctly as we reach for the light switch in a dark room.

*Isomo girl* **Pure GIRL**

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

**October 7**

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**MEN**

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5. Untitled

Updated at Oct 10, 2022

What impact did Men's Summit have on you?  
As encouraged knowing I have a close group  
to keep me accountable.

**9. Dustin Locke**

Updated at Sep 28, 2022

**33. Phil**

Updated at Sep 27, 2022

What was a highlight from Men's Summit this year?

- 1)delicious ribs dinner
- 2)good weather
- 3)speakers excellent
- 4)keeping on weekend schedule was a nice

**35. Shawn Mehaffie**

Updated at Sep 27, 2022

What was a highlight from Men's Summit this year?  
The Praise & Worship Time.

**Clay Heishman**

Updated at Sep 28, 2022

What was a highlight from Men's Summit this year?  
So much a highlight, but the as a whole I ven

What impact did Men's Summit have on you?  
Was a great time to refresh, rejuvenate, and relax.

**26. Tim Ke**

Updated at Sep

What impact did Men's Summit h  
Closer to God

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**21. Scott Paul**

Updated at Sep 27, 2

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**27. J**  
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Updated at Oct 27, 2022

From 1 to 5 how likely are you to invite a

**10. Chuck Howard**

Updated at Sep 28, 2022

What was a highlight from  
The communion

What impact did Men's Sum  
As unual it was restful and

**17. Charlie**

Updated at Oct 27, 2022

What impact did Men's Summit have on you?

Very refreshing, I was able to leave all my daily cares and concerns behind for a  
couple days and just rest in Jesus.

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What was a highlight from Men's Summit this year?

My way

What impact did Men's Summit have on you?

connect with other men and build stronger

# MEN'S SUMMIT @ CROSS POINTE

## SEPTEMBER 29-31, 2023

What was a highlight from Men's Summit this year?

Service was probably the overall highlight for me this  
weight taken off me from the service and being around  
during that service really helped

What impact did Men's Summit have on you?

After this year's Summit I feel brought  
allowed me to open up a little more  
the man that's in my church and I b  
because of it

**15. Larry M**

Updated at Sep 27

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# Royal Rangers on Mission at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation



A group of 14 people from our district recently had the opportunity to participate in a Pathfinder Missions trip to assist missionary Gus Cravens in his ministry to the Native Americans living on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in Wanblee, South Dakota. Pine Ridge is one of five reservations for the Oglala Sioux tribe and includes some of the most impoverished areas of the country.

Our team assisted Gus with various projects on the Glory Ranch, a farm property he uses to teach life skills, provide summer camps for kids, conduct fall harvest parties, and other activities to reach his local community. We built barn doors, built wooden fencing, dug potatoes, and even cleaned out the chicken coop.

We also traveled to the community of Red Shirt to serve at an outreach event at a local school in that community where a new church is in the process of being planted. We operated bounce houses for kids, served hot dogs & snow cones, and handed out clothing to families in need.

On the last day of our trip we had the opportunity to visit the black hills and saw Mount Rushmore, toured & hiked in the Bad Lands, and visited the famous Wall Drug Store.

Pathfinder Missions is the missions program of Royal Rangers that seeks to develop a heart of compassion and service in the hearts of boys by enabling boys and leaders to participate in service & construction-based missions projects both within the USA and around the world. Boys participating in this trip also completed a Missions Action Camp, a component of the Royal Rangers junior leader training process that introduces boys to the various missions programs while providing an opportunity to participate directly in a missions project.

Our prayers continue to go out to Gus & Terry Cravens and their family as they minister at Pine Ridge and we are glad to have had the opportunity to be a part of that important work.







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## YOUTH

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# YOUTH CAMP



## YOUTH CONVENTION

SMYM Youth Convention is November 17th-18th at Evangel University in Springfield, MO.

The countdown has begun for the most anticipated weekend of the year. We can't wait to see you there! Register today at [smymonline.com](http://smymonline.com)

- The cost of registration is \$60 per person before Thursday, November 7, at 11:59pm.
- On November 8, the registration cost increases to \$75.

Camp 2023 was absolutely amazing! God moved in an incredibly unique way each week, creating countless memories and testimonies!

We'd love to share with you some specifics on what God did at SMYM Youth Camp....

## YOUTH CAMP UPDATE

- 103 students received Jesus for the first time.
- 673 students recommitted their lives to Jesus.
- 351 were filled with the Holy Spirit.
- 334 felt called by God.
- 598 experienced healing
- 1,506 felt they encountered Jesus.
- \$58,018.10 raised for Sumba House of Hope through Speed the Light.

We are praising God for all the ways He worked in the lives of our students!

Thank you for partnering with us in prayer!  
We know it made a difference!





## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

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# “Purple Hair and Bald Heads”

**Let the older teach the younger! Let young men and young women, and old men and children praise the Lord together! Titus 2:2-5 Psalm 148:12**

Those 60, 70, 80, 90 years old have a common experience. The longer we live the circle of friends gets smaller. My mother in law was 100 and she had NO contemporary friends left. For Second-Halfers to continually lose friends can be a depressing experience and cause some to withdraw. The last few years have seen many 50 Plusers isolate themselves from church services and interacting with friends and even family. Satan loves it when we withdraw from fellowshiping with the family of God.

What's the answer: CULTIVATE new relationships. For some it is not easy to make new friends, but it can be done and it is worth the effort. Paul had his own age friends (Aquila and Priscilla) but he also realized the importance of cultivating “younger friends.” He had Timothy who he called his “son,” and Titus who traveled with Paul.

The value of cultivating new and younger friends can give an added support network to those growing older.

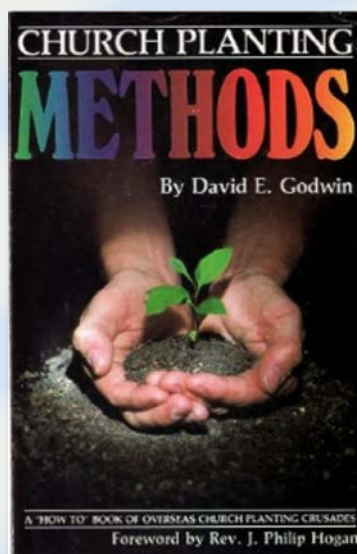
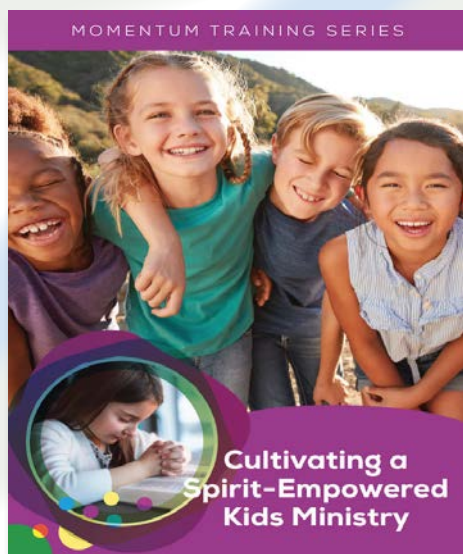
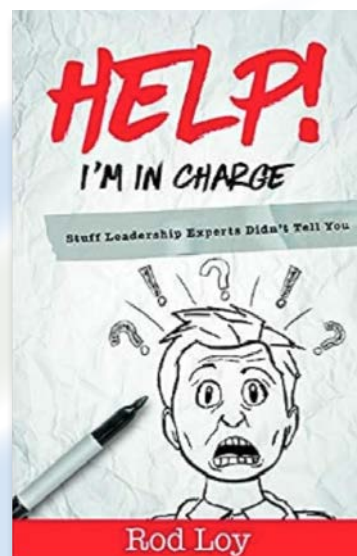
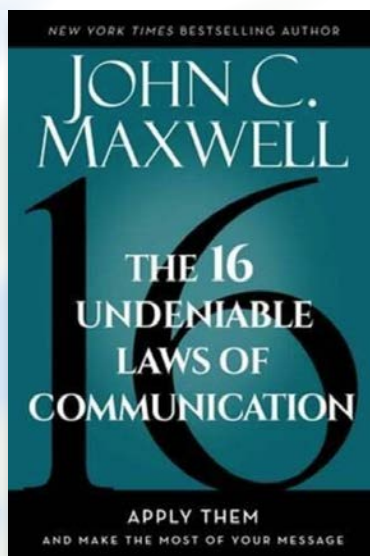
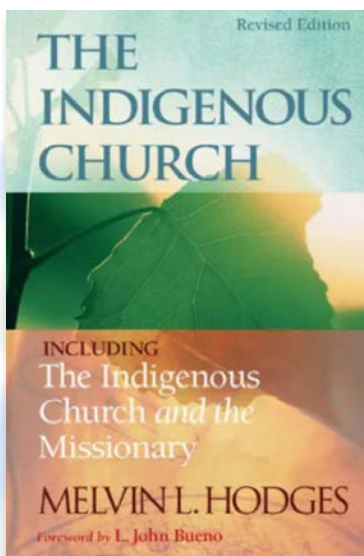
They can give strength and fellowship something all Second-Halfers need. No, you don't have to go kayaking or surfing but enjoying a meal, a holiday time together or someone to check up on us can be a blessing. I created a business that served seniors whose children lived miles away and they found it a help to have someone younger they could call on to check up on their parents.

For those who grew up in a farming environment you know that “cultivating” a crop is hard but necessary work to have a successful harvest.

There may be differences in music tastes, interests, physical abilities, and a younger person may even have “PURPLE or GREEN HAIR,” but hey I have “NO HAIR” and if they can accept me maybe I can learn to accept them. That's called “work and grace,” and maybe in “CULTIVATING” a new friend we can help each other get closer to Jesus and Heaven! Go look for someone to “CULTIVATE” a relationship with this week.



# RESOURCES



Find these resources and more at [myhealthychurch.com](http://myhealthychurch.com), [christianbook.com](http://christianbook.com), or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)



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