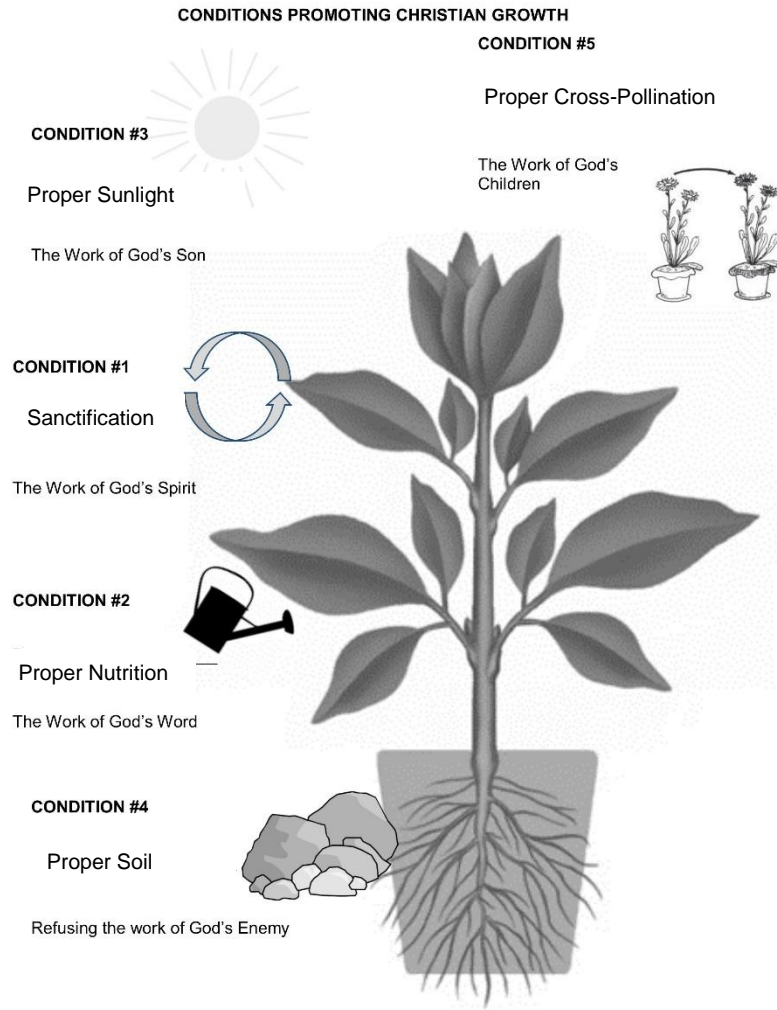


## Growing more like Jesus: Conditions that promote Christian sanctification.



## Growing to be Like Jesus

- Condition #1 – Photosynthesis:** Are you experiencing the changing power of God's indwelling Spirit (2 Corinthians 3)?
  - His Indwelling (1 Corinthians 6:19; Romans 8:11-13)
  - His Filling (Ephesians 5:18)
  - Your Presenting (Yielding - Romans 6:13-19)
- Condition #2 – Proper Nutrition:** Are you daily being nourished from God's Word?
  - Feeding on the Word (John 17:17; John 15:3; 1 Peter 2:2)
    - Bible Reading/Memory/Study (2 Timothy 2:15; 3:15-16)
    - Bible Preaching (Proverbs 2:2; 1 Timothy 4:11-16)
  - Not feeding on the world (Galatians 5:17; Romans 13:14)
- Condition #3 – Proper Sunlight:** Are you being challenged by the Gospel of God's Son?
  - The light of the love of God (1 John 4:9-11; Titus 2:11-13; 3:2-3; Hebrews 1:2-3)
  - The light of Gospel union with Christ (Romans 6:1-18)
  - The light of His return (Son-Rise 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; 1 John 3:1-3; 2 Peter 3:10-14)
- Condition #4 – Proper Soil:** Are you allowing the enemy of God to stunt your growth?
  - Stay away from three-leafed enemy (1 John 2:15-17).
    - World – 1 John 2:15-17
    - Flesh - Galatians 5:13-26
    - Devil - 1 Peter 5:8-11
  - Cast aside hindering stones (Hebrews 12:1-2).
- Condition #5 – Proper Cross-Pollination:** Are you allowing the family of God to help you?
  - Love one another (1 Thessalonians 3:12; 4:9; 1 Peter 1:22).
  - Admonish one another (Romans 15:14; Ephesians 5:19; Hebrews 3:13; 10:24).
    - Lord's Table observance
    - Singing
    - Personal confrontation
  - Build up one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11).