

# COGA NEWS



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## YOUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY: *Part 5*

### Your Gift Of Growth And Expansion

*Bishop Cecil Reid*

*YOUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY: You have many gifts which you may not have received because you were not aware you had them. This series started in March and for the next few months we will continue to explore these amazing gifts.*

### Your Gift Of Growth And Expansion

The word "growth" means "to expand," "to increase in size," or "to develop towards maturity."

You have been given the gift of growth and expansion. – It is a part of your heritage of unlimited blessings.

To understand the process of growth, it is easier to accept your blessings and to expand upon them even more quickly.

Everyone is growing towards Maturity whether they know it or not.

### GROWTH



### There are three phases of your growth:

1. The time of planting the seed (Ideas, good thoughts, and feelings)
2. The time of waiting for the new crop to grow (Ideas, good thoughts, and feelings). - requires FAITH. - Growing on the inside
3. The time of harvest when the results appear.

### Before the harvest – an inner individual growth and expansion

- A child grows without realizing it and so do we.
- You are where you are now from past plantings.
- Be willing to grow into your expanded blessings in an orderly way.
- Do not try to force it inwardly or outwardly.
- Everything is BEAUTIFUL in its season (Ecc.3:11)
- James 1:4 – "Let patience have her (its) perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

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- Growth does not follow a mean in a straight-line – So don't be disappointed when there seem to be no straight lines into your expanded blessings.
- You only want the good that you have been duly prepared and properly initiated for. - Relax into it!
- Light is essential to growth – stay in the light! (TRUTH, KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING, and God's presence)

**Declare:**

“Because I have the gift of growth and expansion, the works of my hands and God’s plans for my life, are quickly moving towards a perfect fulfillment. –

In Ecclesiastes 3:13, I will eat, drink, and enjoy the good of my labor – This is God’s gift to me – my family – and my church!”

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Part 6 of "Your Gifts for Ministry" continues in August. Learn about **Our Gift of Prosperous Increase**

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## **COGA CHURCH & FAMILY GROWTH CONFERENCE**



Get ready for the 2023 **COGA CHURCH & FAMILY GROWTH CONFERENCE** - July 17-21

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### JULY

- 17th-21st > Church Growth Conference - Will be held In Columbia, SC

Southern District --

- 31st > Mission Auxiliary Day

#### AUGUST

- 25th > Southern District -- CBS Staff Training

Find more information on [www.cogainc.org](http://www.cogainc.org)

### A LITTLE SOMETHING TO LAUGH ABOUT

- “It's so hot I already want to take a nap tomorrow.”
- “Isn't it funny that red, white, and blue represents freedom until it's flashing behind you?”
- "Independence; when you get it you discover freedom isn't free."
- “The 4th of July is just like a Friday – the only difference is we’re all in a better mood.”
- “A good fireworks show is like a good book – it starts slow, but by the end, you can't look away.”