

# EXPANDING YOUR BORDERS

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Isa. 54:2-3

Anything that has life grows.

We have the life of God.

It is up to us to make sure that growth is not stunted.

God wants us to have life without limitations. The God kind of life.

The only limits that we have are those that we put on ourselves.

Remove the limitations that you have put on yourself, through your mentality, confession and faith level.

Phil. 4:13 *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*

Eph. 3:20 *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,*

Satan desires to grow his kingdom and uses spiritual principles to do so.

Let's expand *our* borders!

## **I. Personal Growth.**

*Enlarge the place of thy tent,*

- A. Personal expansion.
  - 1. Spiritual growth.
  - 2. Relational growth.
    - a. Family.
    - b. Friends.
    - c. Associates.
- B. Commit to random acts of kindness.

## **II. Expand Your Circle of Influence.**

*stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations*

- A. New horizons.
  - 1. Beyond your immediate surroundings.
    - a. Curtains are boundaries.
- B. Commit to meet new people.
  - 1. Develop new relationships.
- C. Think beyond your eyesight.
  - 1. Become visionary. Expand your vision.
- D. Selfishness prevents growth.
  - 1. Get involved with something bigger than yourself.

### III. Prepare For Growth.

*lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;*

A. Your current lifestyle, confession of faith and mentality will not support growth. You'll only grow to your present level of faith.

1. You must be willing to change.

a. Human nature resists change.

b. We become acclimated to our surroundings and adapt to our situations.

c. Former personal works of God can become our present religious realities.

[1.] What was once a blessing can become a hindrance.

[2.] God is a God of the now.

*Now faith.* Hebr. 11:1

*Behold, I will do a new thing;* Isa. 43:19

[3.] The revival of Hezekiah.

*2Kgs. 18:4 He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.*

B. Expect expansion.

1. Truly anticipate growing beyond your present borders.

2. You can determine your progress by monitoring your confession.

a. Not just when it's convenient.

b. Ask God to help.

*Ps. 141:3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.*

Conclusion: The expansion of the believer.

A. You'll grow in all directions.

*For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left;*

B. You'll expand beyond your lifetime.

*and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles*

1. Reproducing what you are. The law of Genesis.

*Gen. 1:11-12 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. :12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*

C. You'll bring life to what was previously destroyed.

*and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.*

1. Hope to the hopeless.

2. Victory to the defeated.

3. Power to the powerless.

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