

## SURROUND SOUND

Romans 10:17

Most people's life culture is just a reflection of the culture they live in — they tend to mirror the actions and attitudes being modeled around them.

The cultural climate of your life has more to do with your internal world: you're thoughts, your feelings, your words, and even your actions.

To experience growth, you need to nurture those things that you want to grow, and you need to weed out those things that hinder growth.

In order for you to grow, you need to create the right atmosphere, the right climate, the right environment, and the right culture for yourself.

Your thirst can be quenched through — and it can only be quenched through — the presence of God in your life in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

G-I-G-O: Garbage In / Garbage Out.

What you're constantly stuffing between your ears will ultimately influence the way you think, the way you talk, and the way you act.

The more you hear God's word, the more your faith will grow. Ref: Romans 10:17

Three things you need to do in order to create a climate of increase, a climate of spiritual growth in your daily life.

1. Be aware of what is influencing you.

To say that the things you see, hear, watch, read, or listen to have no influence on you is to deceive yourself, because *some* of these things *do* influence what you become.

It is up to you to take the responsible step of evaluating what you hear, what you read, what you watch — and recognizing how much influence it has on your life.

The first step to creating a culture of spiritual growth in your inner world is to practice discernment: recognizing — and choosing — who you will allow to influence your life.

2. Eliminate the Worst Offenders. Ref: Psalm 101:3 RKJV, 1st Cor. 15:33 NIV

3. Build your day around uplifting content.

When you build your day around uplifting content, you're creating an environment in your spiritual life, a culture of increase that will yield tremendous results over the long haul.

The wise person is hungry for knowledge, while the fool feeds on trash. (Proverbs 15:14 NLT)

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17)