

## Spring Cleaning the Soul – Day 5: Maintain the Garden

**Key Scripture:** John 15:4

### **Opening Thought (Hook):**

It's one thing to clean something up...

It's another thing to keep it that way.

### **Devotional:**

Over the last few days, you've:

- cleared the clutter
- checked the soil
- pulled the weeds
- made room for growth

But here's the truth most people don't talk about—

**None of it lasts if you don't maintain it.**

Because what you don't tend to...

will eventually drift.

### **Relatable Picture:**

You can spend all day cleaning your house.

Everything looks perfect.

Smells fresh.

Feels brand new.

But if you stop paying attention—

little by little, it starts to slip:

- things pile back up
- clutter returns

- mess creeps in

Not all at once...

but gradually.

### **Bring It Home:**

Your spiritual life works the same way.

You don't just:

- pray once
- forgive once
- trust God once

You stay connected.

Because growth isn't a moment—  
it's a rhythm.

### **Scripture Insight:**

John 15:4 says,

**“Remain in me, as I also remain in you... apart from me you can do nothing.”**

That word *remain* is key.

It means:

- stay connected
- stay consistent
- stay close

Not just when you feel like it—  
but daily.

## **Core Truth:**

The same connection that produces growth is the one that sustains it.

You don't outgrow your need for God—you grow deeper into it.

## **Turning Point:**

Here's where people miss it—

They have a moment with God...

but never build a lifestyle with Him.

They clean things up for a season...

but don't create habits to keep it that way.

And slowly, without realizing it,

they drift right back into what they were freed from.

## **Hard Truth (but real):**

If you don't stay intentional, you will become unintentional.

And unintentional living always leads back to old patterns.

## **Practical Step:**

Ask yourself today:

- What daily rhythm keeps me connected to God?
- Where have I been inconsistent?
- What's one small habit I can commit to starting today?

Keep it simple:

- a few minutes in Scripture
- a daily prayer moment

- worship during your drive
- checking your heart before reacting

Consistency beats intensity every time.

### **Closing Thought:**

God didn't bring you this far  
just for you to go back.  
He wants what He started in you  
to keep growing.

### **Prayer:**

God,  
Thank You for what You've been doing in my life.  
Help me not just experience growth—but maintain it.  
Give me the discipline to stay connected to You daily.  
When I start to drift, pull me back.  
Let my life continue to grow, not just for a moment—but for a lifetime.  
In Jesus Name We Pray, Amen.

Growth doesn't come from one good moment with God...  
it comes from staying connected to Him every day. 🌱