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- \_\_\_ We bear the responsibility of our own growth. God provides the power and the process, but, awaits our invitation and submission.
- \_\_\_ God provides the grace to cover our sin so we will have the freedom to grow. With this freedom we can learn about Jesus our Lord and our Savior.
- \_\_\_ Jesus warns us that life on earth under the curse of sin is destructive, and He reminds us that He has already won the deciding battle so we can have confidence to enter our daily battles.
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