

# GoLife200 | Intro

## Tending Your Garden

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**THIS LESSON FOCUSES ON** understanding God’s method for change by learning to identify, pray for, cultivate, and steward the “garden” God has entrusted to you.

**THIS LESSON IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE** lasting change, effective influence, and fulfillment of God’s call all begin with faithfully tending and cultivating the garden God has placed in your life.

### *Key Ideas:*

- Prayer
- Sphere of Influence
- Stewardship and Multiplication
- Facilitating Change

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## Tending Your Garden, Part I

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### God's Method to Change the World: Start in Your Own Garden

#### I. Let's go back to the Genesis (beginning). God clearly showed us how to change the world.

- A. He set Adam and Eve in their garden (Genesis 2:15; 2 Corinthians 10:13).
- B. He tutored them (Genesis 3:8).
- C. He said move out from here and bring completion (*komeo*) to your larger garden (the world) (Genesis 1:26-28).

#### II. How are we going to change the world? How do we "eat the elephant?"

- A. We do it one person, one sphere of influence, one "garden" at a time.
- B. It's so simple, but the enemy's job is to try and make it complex.
- C. Our job is to see our garden and start cultivating it.
- D. We will "win" when enough believers see this and do this.
- E. This will be done by God's spirit; through God's word; out of God's people; through local churches and ministries; equipped by the five-fold ascension gift ministries.

#### III. Who is in your garden?

- A. Yourself
- B. Your family
- C. Your spiritual relationships
- D. The people you regularly interface with (work, neighbors, etc.)
- E. Those you see God working with (John 5:17-19; John 4:4-42)