



### Growing is . . .

- . . . God's process of weaning me away from looking for life in the externals.
- . . . God leading me to discover, know and live from His presence in me.

### 3 Different ways to view the process of growth.

#### 1. Three kinds of believers with different inner knowing.

1 John 2:12-14

- Child
- Young men

- Fathers      1 Cor 2:15

#### 2. Window washing ( St John of the Cross, 1500s )

- *"He must increase and I (and my fingerprints) must decrease."* John 3:30

- *Taking responsibility apart from the Lord, OR, responding to what my Lord wants to do through me.*

#### 3. God woos my soul . . .

- . . . away from its attachment to externals  
and
- . . . restores my soul to its original design.

Philippians 1:6