

Growing in Christ



“Raise the Bed” faith to Grow Communities

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If I understand what I have read in the Bible, everything started in the garden. Everything was good. We had God, the garden and everything on this earth provided for us.

What if getting back to the garden was the solution to restoring all that has been taken from us; nutritional food, the harvest and miracles of watching a harvest come from the garden.

Building community by teaching gardening skills, by working side by side to educate the community on how simple gardening is, how it works, and how awesome it is for the mind, body and soul.

Literally “feeding” their mind, body and soul by planting a seed in the backyard John 21:17 “Feed my sheep”

“Raise the Bed” Faith



Why Mow when You can Grow?

“Raise the Bed” Faith

What a simple concept, let me state it again “Why mow, when you can grow?”.

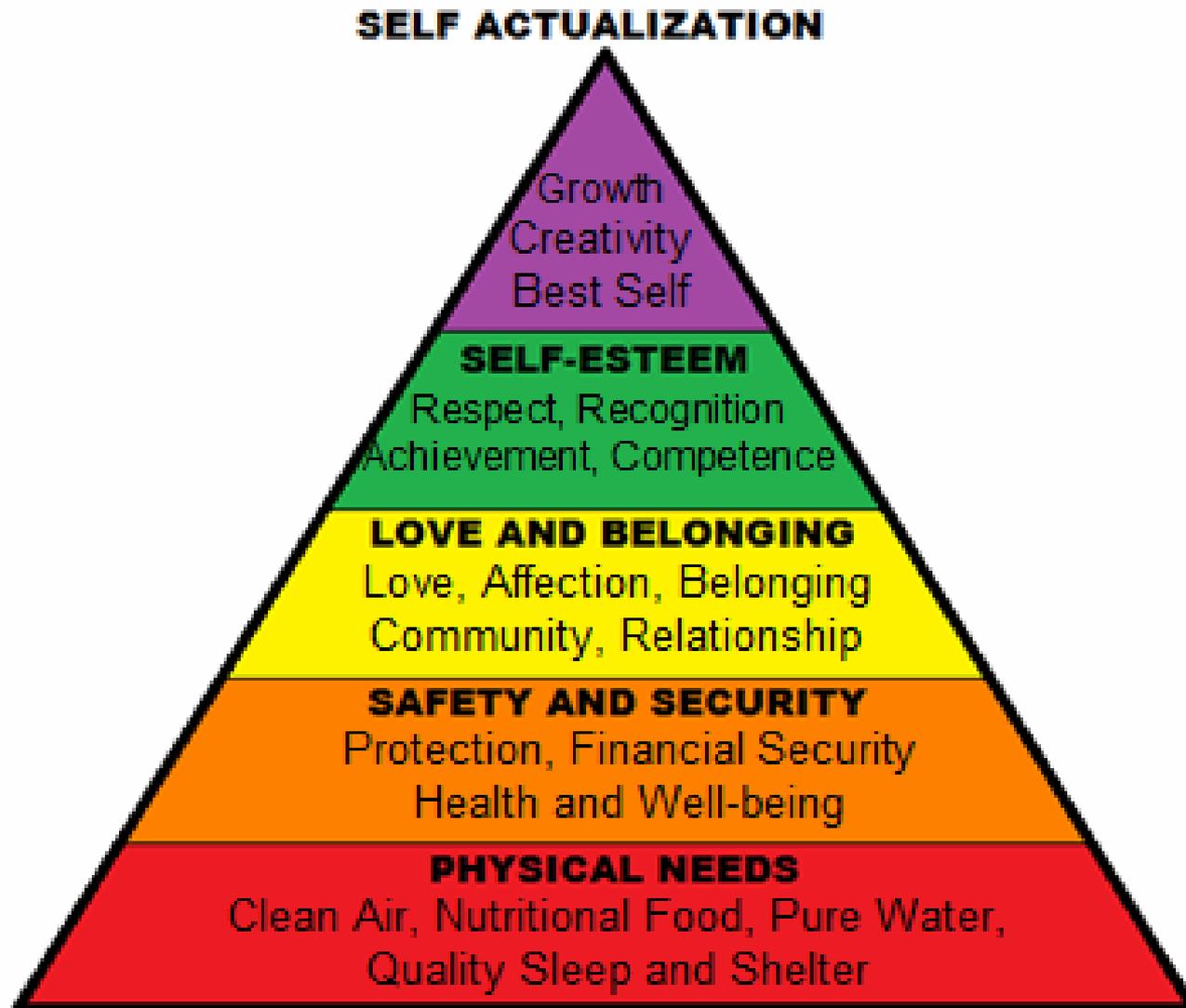
I’ve been in the landscape and lawn care business since the day I could push a mower. I’ve made a ton of money mowing other peoples grass because they didn’t want to mow it.

As a home owner with some homes having multiple acres, I’ve certainly owned my share of tractors, mowers, weed eaters and the like to battle the growth which was simple grass and mostly weeds.

One day I looked out and thought, “what if I raised cows to eat the grass, chickens to eat the bugs, hogs to eat whatever anything else didn’t want to eat and I ate all of them?” I thought “I could even grow vegetables to feed the animals and I can eat those too.” It all sounded so simple the way the Lord made it. Today, I don’t want to mow grass or pay anyone else to do it.

I’d rather turn my backyard into an oasis garden that not only feeds me, but allows such abundance that I have to bless others or the abundance goes to waste. Not too mention that it makes the back yard such a place of peace and abundance. A place for community.

Maslow's Hierarchy



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The science is clear, its pretty simple.

Based on Maslow's Hierarchy, The foundation to life is clean air, nutritional food, pure water, quality sleep and shelter. Through gardening, we can provide nutritional food.

As a back yard solution or a solution at the church as we have a church full of gardeners who would love nothing more than planting seeds to bless others. "Life Groups" can be created to help those that have a back yard planter and to help maintain the church gardens.

Flowers, herbs, vegetables, fruit trees, ornamental or common house plants that grow with little or no maintenance and provide some sustenance or value.

Caring for plants has been proven to help care for self as it gives one purpose.

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- Simple Raised Grow Bed
- Donations Fund Cost
- Volunteer Setup
- Seed Planted in Yard
- Family Fed by God
- Come See Our Co-Op Garden
- Church Co-Op Community Garden
 - Education
 - Nutrition
 - Community



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Tax Deductible Donations funds are already pending to provide the first couple of “Raise the Bed” gardens. They’re approximately 100.00 each in cost which include the materials and hardware to make a small raised bed and provide the soil and seeds to plant it. 4X4 or 4X8

Volunteers install raised bed at the Location.

Selection process (TBD) – Submitted Anonymously via Web Form or can be purchased.

The person donating can designate within reason – “I’m buying this for XYZ’s birthday”. Install some at various schools or public spaces to advertise the program and help build the local church. Within service area, for example, we cater to the a 10 mile radius of the church.

We not only setup the garden and educate by coordinating with the recipient but we also leave them with contact information concerning the church and the community garden at the church while extending an invite.

Educating them of the program “Raise the Bed” so that they may want to “Plant a Seed” in someone else’s yard.

10,000 Foot Overview



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It starts with developing the Church Co-Op garden with the intention of having a community building resource that literally feeds the community on location.

Even without a community church garden in place, the “Raise the Bed” gardens can be launched and “seeds” planted as an outreach to the community, educating them to the fact that the church is “Growing in Faith”.

I believe there is unlimited potential in creating a solution that works to build strong relationships by literally feeding and providing this simple lost tradition. The garden built American and I believe we can restore America by restoring gardens, regardless of the size, with just a mustard seed of faith.

Outreach to the homeless, opportunities for all to volunteer or be a part of a team, a community.

Educate the community how to help one another, learn how to make arts and crafts, have a farmers market that also helps fund the Co-Op. It's a win, win, win for all involved. From those providing funds, to those who's hands are dirty and their hearts are full to help. While feeding the community and building relationships.

Community Farming



“Back to the Farm”

Community Farming

Yes, it's time to go back to the farm.

Think about it for a minute, if you look at the history of America, we were built on farming.

The problem with society today is that it's too convenient to just pull into McDonald's and grab a Big Mac that is filled with processed products that are not nutritional and not healthy for your mind, body or soul.

The husbandry of raising animals and a garden has many profound benefits starting with the nutritional value being better food any way you slice it.

If available the addition of raising cows, pigs, chickens, goats, and various other small game animals to process and harvest to feed the community if land and zoning is available. Small vegetable gardens can be placed anywhere there is space.

There is a peace and responsibility that comes with being the caretaker of raising animals. Teaching responsibility while providing purpose with education and training that is a viable trade to master for job opportunities.

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We believe there will be possibilities that not only foster community, responsibility and give purpose; we will be feeding the community through nutritional, educational and community growth.

Literally “grounded” in reward through the efforts required to plant a garden, work the soil, plant and water the seeds, nurturing growth until harvest, while learning skills and technologies to improve results such as aquaponic gardening.

The reward for the mind, body and soul that only can be accomplished through gardening and farming.

Teaching responsibility while providing purpose with education and training that is a viable trade to master for job opportunities in the horticulture and animal husbandry fields.

The reward from having grown the very food you are eating, sharing and working with others to be nutritionally the healthiest one can be.

Arts and Crafts



Encouraging
Creativity

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We believe that encouraging creativity builds community. From creating pottery, to basket weaving or writing a song to making a movie.

When a soul is healthy and restored, the creator comes alive in the individual and we want to encourage that creativity.

There will be a host of various creators that are hidden inside of the individuals who, like the seed in the garden, have been waiting to be watered so that they can reach out in growth toward the light.

Our hope is that this plan would be shared and implemented at with every church in the world.

This is what Jesus would do, as He said in His own words John 21:17
“If you love me, feed my sheep...”

Restored, Redeemed, Renewed



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We believe that we can restore communities through these various programs by providing Hope and hands on education.

Programs that are a win / win solution not only for the individual and the community but for the whole of America. Getting back to the basics of working in the garden, raising animals (when applicable) by learning the skills required to manage a self-sufficient gardening and/or small farming communities.

Bees for honey, chickens for eggs and meat, animals of all kinds for nutrition. While developing personal skills that can only be accomplished through hands on life skills such as raising animals and growing vegetables.

Farmers Market



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These concepts can grow as large as one can manage and will continue to grow. Creating abundance and over-flow as harvest will be fruitful.

We want to include the abundance in various farmers markets and arts and crafts shows to not only add value as yet another program to introduce the concepts of community marketing, but also to help fund the programs that rely on funding.

All the while providing educational skills in all aspects of marketing and commerce with the reward of seeing the individuals efforts adding value to the community.

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My prayer is that a seed of faith is planted and that seed will help your community “Grow in Christ”.

Be blessed and bless others. More programs like this will be made available on wadequinton.com in the downloads section.

If you would like to plant a financial seed in this ministry please do so at wadequinton.com. On the home page there are various methods you can plant a seed in good soil.

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