



- When something or someone is a really good fit for something, we say they were tailor made for that.
- Big Idea: God has tailor made you to cultivate the fruit of the New Creation.

Genesis 1:11-13 – Seed

- Genesis 1:11-13 – woven into the fabric of creation are life-giving seeds. Throughout the narrative, “Seed” represents New Creation, Spiritual growth, the Kingdom and eternal life.

Genesis 2:5-8, 15, 18-25 – *Tailor Made*

- Genesis 2:6 – “and there was no man to work the ground.”
 - Genesis 2:18 “it is not good for the man to be alone.”
- Genesis 2:7 – God *formed* (tailor made) the man of dust.
 - Genesis 2:18-25 – God took Adam’s rib to tailor make Eve.
- God *tailor made* Adam and Eve to *cultivate and protect* the Garden of Eden (Gen 2:6, 15).





Genesis 2:16-17 – The Command

- The narrative changes course in verses 16-17 with the Lord’s command not to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of good and evil.
- In Hebrew, the phrase “work and keep” (verse 15), is used for later Israelite Priests (Num 3:7-8; 8:25-26; 1 Chron 23:32; Ez 44:14).
 - The priests were to cultivate a heart for God and His Word in Israel.
 - The priests were to protect Israel from false teaching that would lead Israel astray or cause them to lose faith (Heb 3:12-14).
- The bigger picture of Genesis 1-2...
 - God provides the seed of New Creation/ Kingdom (Matt 2:19) and makes it grow (1 Cor 3:6).
 - Adam and Eve were tailor made to cultivate the Kingdom seed by knowing God and His Word, living by God’s Word, and being filled with the Spirit (Gal 6:22-23).
 - Adam and Eve were also tailor made to protect against worldly teaching that can lead us astray and hinder bearing fruit.

Five Ways to Grow as an “On-Earth-As-It-Is-In-Heaven-Christian”

1. God has given the seed of the Kingdom/New Creation and He causes the growth (1 Cor 3:6).
2. God is tailoring you for His Kingdom work by filling you with the Holy Spirit (Gen 2:15; Rev 5:9-10).
3. Cultivate the New Creation fruit in your own life and in those around you (Rom 12:6-8; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Eph 4:11; 1 Pet 4:10-11).
4. Guard against what will lead you astray or hinder fruitfulness (Heb 3:12-19).
5. Grow as a married couple in co-laboring to make *on-earth-as-it-is-in-heaven*.

