

# Beginner Gardener's Guide

## Growing with Faith & Confidence

*I have planted, Apollos watered;  
but God gave the increase.  
- 1 Corinthians 3:6 KJV*



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# Getting Started

*For who hath despised the day of small things?...*

*Zechariah 4:10 KJV*

**You don't need a large garden to begin with. It is better to start with a small garden and learn to manage that well, before moving on to a larger area.**

Some ideas of ways to garden in a small area:

- Use containers like pots or totes
- Use your vertical space with trellises or even fences
- Use hanging baskets for things like strawberries and tomatoes.
- Research your garden zone for ideas about what plants will grow best.

*Lord, help me to be faithful in small beginnings and trust YOU to bring growth.*

*AMEN.*

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## Choose a Good Location

*Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun.*

*Ecclesiastes 11:7 KJV*

**A location near your home is best, or you may find that ‘Out of Sight, Out of Mind’ comes in to play.**

Some things to consider before setting the location of your garden:

- Amount of sunlight, 6-8 hours of sunlight is best.
- Proximity to water
- Convenient to get to on a regular basis
- Make sure the area doesn't get too much shade from large objects.
- Well-draining soil, *not as much of a problem if you grow in beds or containers*

*Guide me, LORD, to place my efforts where growth can flourish. AMEN.*

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## **Choose Easy Plants**

*He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle,  
and herb for the service of man: that he may  
bring forth food out of the earth;*

*Psalm 104:14*

**Start with plants that grow quickly and  
forgive little mistakes.**

Some things to consider when deciding  
what to grow in your garden:

- What do you and your family enjoy eating?
- Learn about your growing zone
- Do you want seeds, starts, or a mixture of both.
- Be sure to read the plant labels and seed packets for important information.
- Research companion plants to add to your garden.

*Thank you, LORD, for providing all that is  
needed for growth. Help me learn with joy.*

*AMEN..*

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## Soil & Planting

*A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.*

*Proverbs 13:22 KJV*

### **Healthy soil helps plants develop strong roots.**

Some things to consider when looking at the soil for your garden:

- Add organic matter and compost to help your soil.
- Research companion plants for your garden.
- Plant closely to minimize weeds.
- Consider using mulch or cover crops to keep your soil covered.
- Replace old plants with new ones as quickly as possible.

*Help me prepare well, LORD, and steward what YOU have given me. AMEN.*

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## Watering & Care

*Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.*

*Psalm 65:9 KJV*

**Water gently and consistently, especially in the morning.**

Some things to consider when watering your garden:

- Water deeply to establish strong root systems.
- Always check the moisture before watering.
- Watering early in the morning is best.
- Try to water at the base of the plants.
- Use mulch to help retain moisture.
- Hand watering is ok, but a watering system can make things a little easier.

*Teach me patience and consistency as I tend this garden. AMEN.*

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# Weekly Garden Rhythm

*For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself;  
first the blade, then the ear, after that the full  
corn in the ear.*

*Mark 4:28 KJV*

**Trust the process:**

**Growth happens in stages, often unseen.**

Some things to remember when setting up your garden routine:

- Set a time that works for you.
- Use this time to water, weed, and harvest a little at a time.
- Check for pests and diseases.
- Practice patience... things are happening below the surface.
- Place seating so you can enjoy the garden.
- Plant flowers to increase diversity.

*LORD, please help me to trust YOU when I  
cannot yet see the fruit. AMEN.*

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## **Garden Reflections:**

*Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established. - Proverbs 16:3*

*KJV*

**Look back on what you have accomplished and what you have learned through the season.**

Some things to ask yourself about your experience:

- What did I like?
- What did I not like?
- What did I learn?
- What would I like to learn?
- What would I like to change?
- Thank GOD for all that HE has taught you during this season.

*LORD, thank YOU for the lessons found in tending the soil and caring for the growing things. Teach me patience, faithfulness, and trust as I continue to learn. AMEN.*

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## Choosing Plants

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- Do I want seeds or starts?
- Read instructions

## Soil & Planting

- Will I use garden soil or a planting mix?
- Add Compost
- Plant seeds

## Watering & Care

- Water in the AM.
- Check soil moisture regularly
- Mulch to keep soil moist.

## Weekly Rhythm

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- Water as needed
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