



#1 - With the Kingdom of God APPEARANCES CAN BE DECEIVING .

"What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? It is like a mustard seed... It is like yeast."
 Luke 13:18-19a, 20a NIV

"The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth..." Mark 4:30-32 NIV

#2 - The Kingdom of God is always GROWING AND BECOMING .

"It grew and became a tree, and the bird perched in its branches." Luke 13:19b NIV

"The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which... becomes the largest of all garden plants."
 Mark 4:30-32 NIV

"Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough."
 Luke 13:21b NLT

A - Growing and becoming as INDIVIDUALS .

"Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, patient endurance, godliness, brotherly affection and love for everyone. The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be..." 2 Peter 1:5-8 NLT

B - Growing and becoming as a CHURCH .

"Growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church... as each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."
 Ephesians 4:15-16 NLT

C - Growing and becoming as CREATION .

"The creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God." Romans 8:21 NIV

#3 - Keys to the Kingdom of God: RECEIVED, PLANTED and WORKED IN .

"It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted. It's like yeast that a woman works into dough."
 Luke 13:19b NIV, 21a MSG