

## Barren Womb: Does It Hinder Spiritual Growth?

Luke 1:6 “And they were both righteous before God, **walking in all** the commandments and ordinances of the Lord **blameless**.

7 And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.”

(This article is written specifically to those who God has made barren and childless, **not those who have chosen themselves** when or if they will have children.)

While we are dealing with the barren womb, we need to address a subtle, yet false, message some are preaching and teaching about childlessness. Certain proclaim that marriages without children will never attain to the same spiritual plane as those with children. **They teach that spiritual growth is hindered by the absence of children in the home.** Spiritual maturity for any believer, then, is preached as being dependent upon being married and raising children.

“Both” Zacharias and Elizabeth “were... righteous before God” despite having no child. “Both” Zacharias and Elizabeth walked in “**all** the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.” **Dear reader, if complete obedience required having and raising children, Zacharias and Elizabeth would have not been able to obey “all” God's commandments.**

II Peter 1:3 “According as his divine power hath given unto us **all things that pertain unto life and godliness**, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:”

**“All things” that are needed for “godliness” in each believer's life is given by God's “divine power” when God deems it necessary and in His perfect time.** If God chooses to accomplish this in a couple's life without children, it is definitely possible by God's “divine power” and “the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”

Certain say you won't grow completely until you have kids. They sometimes are referring to how they spiritually grew after having kids. However, it comes across as saying the childless couple is incomplete spiritually. Yet both the passage of Zacharias and Elizabeth in Luke 1:6-7 and II Peter 1:3 prove that **if God has not chosen to give children then God does not find children necessary at that point in the couple's life.** When and if God finds offspring necessary, He will give them.