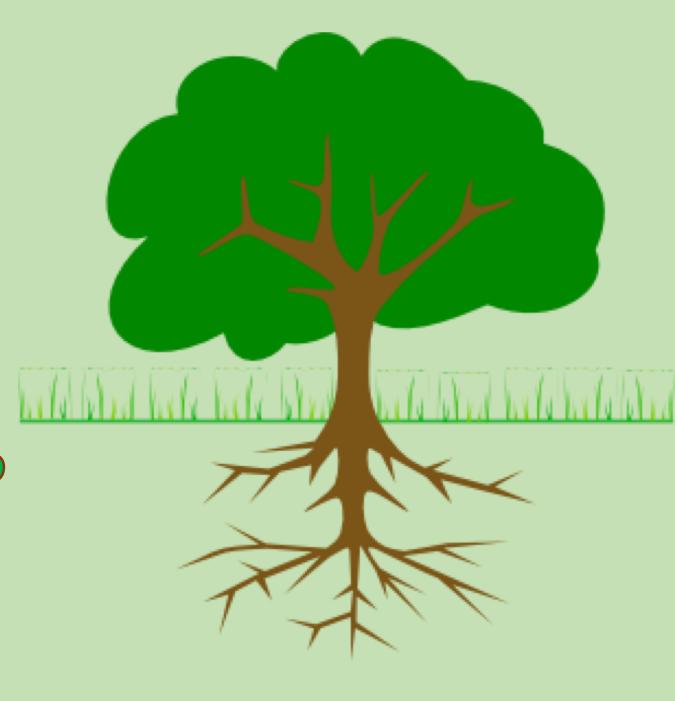
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- 2. live in him
- 3. rooted and built
- 4. strengthened in faith
- 5. overflowing with thankfulness

- You were given a gift (received Christ)
- 2. You now have a responsibility (live in Christ)
- 3. Give it <u>structure</u>. Make it <u>significant</u>. (rooted down, built up)
- 4. Be strong (faith)
- 5. Be filled (thankfulness)

A CAR

Since you received this car as a gift, drive it! Read the Owners Manual and get it serviced regularly. Trust this car to get you to work and take you on trips. And every time you drive, be glad you don't have to walk!

<u>A PET</u>

You wanted a dog and your friend gave you a wonderful puppy. Don't banish it to a pen in the backyard. Play with it and let it become part of your world. Feed it and take it to the vet. Trust it to guard your family and enjoy its doggone personality!

AN EDUCATION

Since you received a degree, get a job which puts that knowledge to Keep studying in your field and become an expert. Learn from your job experience also, and be grateful you can use your knowledge and skills.

<u>A PARENT</u>

So God gave you a kid ... pour yourself into their life! Get to know their personality and teach them discipline and values. Do whatever it takes to make a strong relationship with them and love the time and experiences you have together.

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