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LAWS OF GROWTH

- God can use pain to direct you.

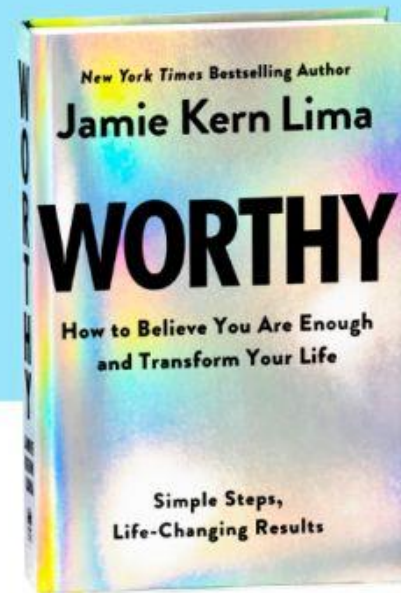
- God can use pain to inspect you.

- God can use pain to correct you.

- God can use pain to protect you.



When you feel like an **imposter** and like you're not enough as you are, it's a lie. The time to unlearn that lie has come.



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- God can use pain to perfect you.

1) Pain can strengthen  
your character.



2) Pain can shore up  
your faith.

3) Pain can increase  
my compassion.

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**Environment and culture are critical for growth. They involve the purpose, values, perspective, place, and people in a group, church, or business.**

**A growth environment is an environment or culture where the purpose, values, perspective, place, and people in that group, church, or organization inspire, encourage, value, and expect growth.**

- A wise environment.

- A good, honorable and virtuous environment.

- An environment that sharpens, strengthens, and improves you.



- An encouraging environment.

- An environment marked by love and truth.

- An environment that helps you, not hurts you. An environment that fights for you, not against you.

- A faith-filled and prayerful environment.

1. Assess your current environment.

**2. Change yourself and  
your environment.**

3. Change who you spend  
time with.

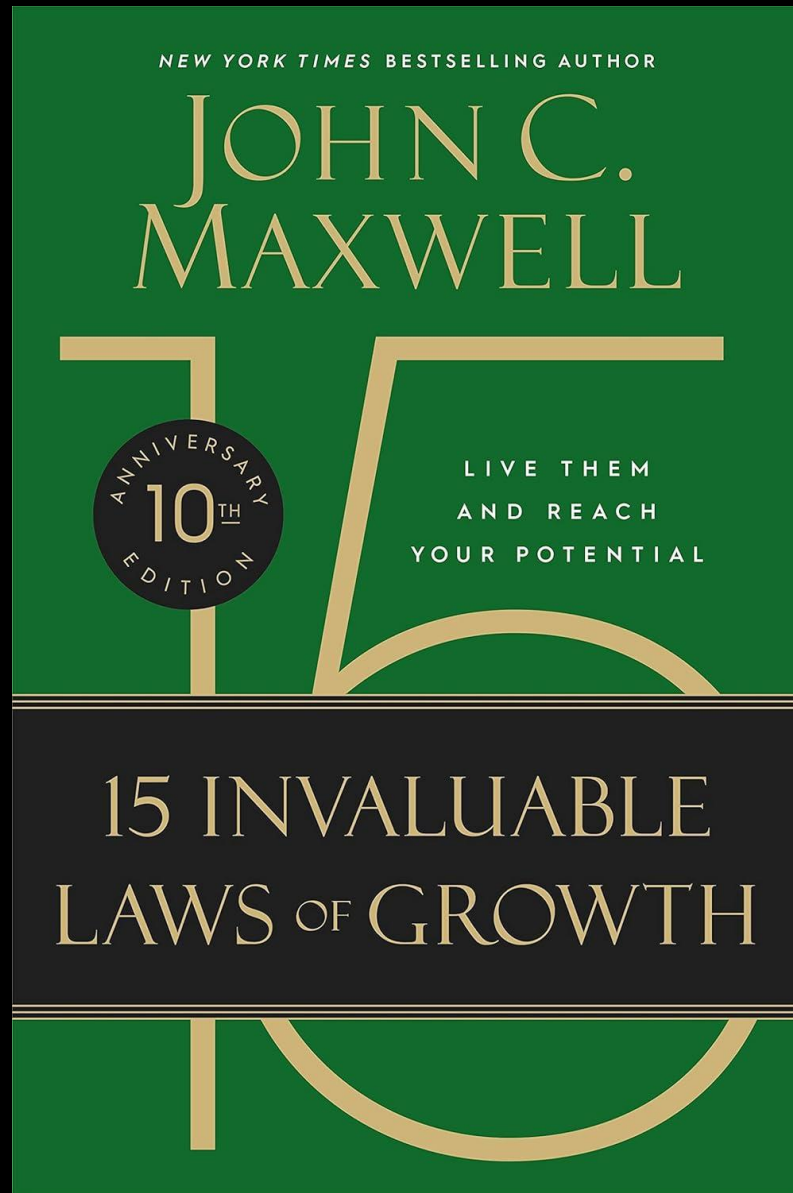
**4. Challenge yourself in  
your new environment**



**5. Focus on the moment.**

6. Move forward despite  
criticism.





## ***Law #7: The Law of Design***

***To maximize  
growth, develop  
strategies.***

1. Life is very simple but keeping it that way is very difficult.

**2. Designing your life is more important than designing your career.**

3. Life is not a dress rehearsal.

**4. In planning your life, multiply everything by two.**



## What is a system?

It's a process for predictably achieving a goal based on specific, orderly, repeatable principles and practices. Systems leverage your time, money and abilities. They are great tools for personal growth. They are deliberate, intentional, and practical. —John Maxwell

**“You do not rise to the level of  
your goals. You fall to the level  
of your systems.”**

**—James Clear, Atomic Habits**

**The plans of the diligent lead  
to profit as surely as haste  
leads to poverty.**

**—Proverbs 21:5 NIV**

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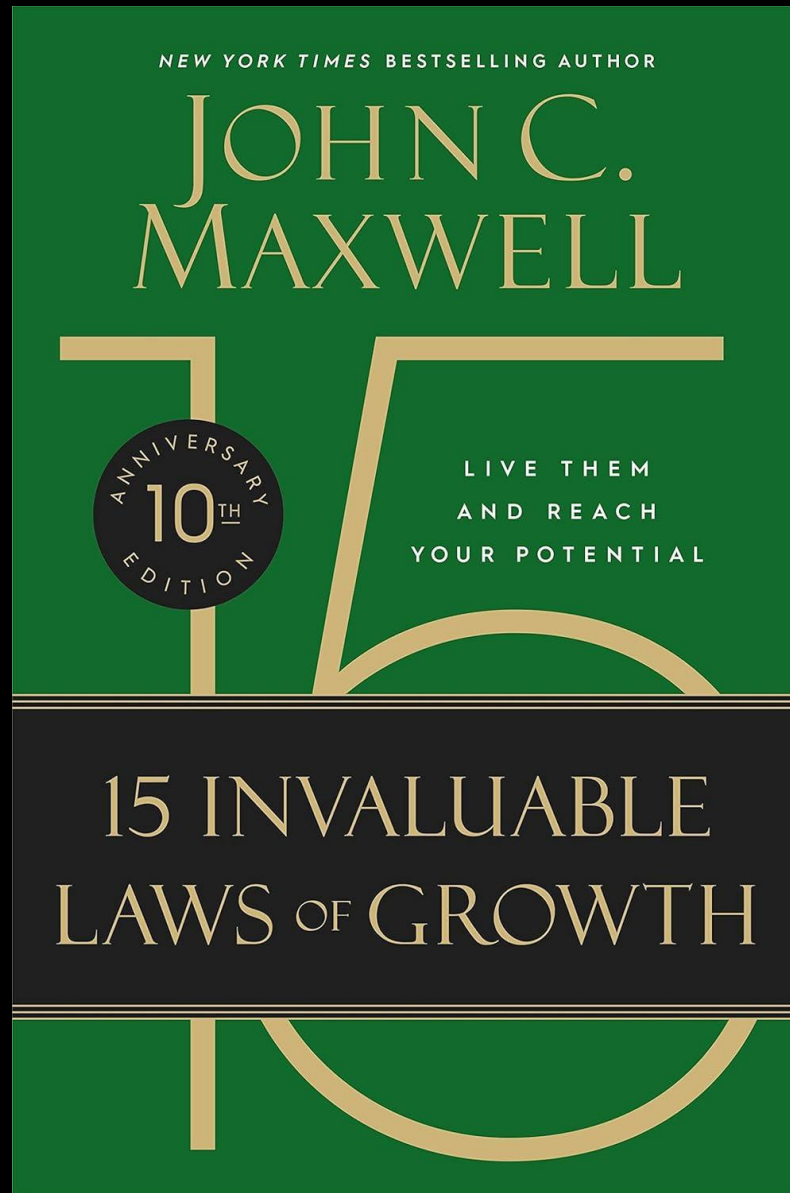
**Behavior**

**happens  
when**

**Motivation & Ability & Prompt**

**converge at the same moment**





## ***Law #8: The Law of Pain***

***Good management of bad experiences leads to great growth.***

**God leverages pain, loss, persecution  
and even death for His GLORY, our  
ultimate GOOD, and the advance  
of His MISSION.**

**“God, who foresaw your tribulation,  
has specially armed you to go  
through it, not without pain but without  
stain.” —C.S. Lewis, Collected Letters**



1. Everyone has them.

2. No one likes them.

3. Few people make bad experiences  
positive experiences.

1. Choose a positive life stance.

**2. Embrace and develop  
your creativity.**

**3. Embrace the value of  
bad experiences.**

**4. Make good changes after learning from bad experiences.**

**5. Take responsibility for  
your life.**



**This Week's Assignment: Read Laws 6-8**

**Law 6 – The Law of Environment**

**Law 7 – The Law of Design**

**Law 8 – The Law of Pain**

**Next Week's Subject (March 6) — Laws 9-10**

**The Laws of the Ladder and Rubber Band**

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