



Act like a Tree

Psalm 92:12-15 (NLT) ¹² But the godly will flourish like palm trees and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon. ¹³ For they are transplanted to the Lord's own house. They flourish in the courts of our God. ¹⁴ Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green. ¹⁵ They will declare, "The Lord is just! He is my rock! There is no evil in him!"

When you are planted in the house of the Lord...

You FLOURISH like a cedar and a palm tree.

Your life is a seed...

- A seed can only grow if it's PLANTED.
- "Going to church" isn't the same as being PLANTED.

Matthew 13:3-9 (NLT) ³ He told many stories in the form of parables, such as this one: "Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. ⁴ As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn't have deep roots, they died. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. ⁸ Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!" ⁹ Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."

Matthew 13:18-23 (NLT) ¹⁸ "Now listen to the explanation of the parable about the farmer planting seeds: ¹⁹ The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don't understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts. ²⁰ The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. ²¹ But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word. ²² The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced. ²³ The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"

- ROOTS grow deeper.

Jeremiah 17:8a (NLT) They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water.

- Roots produce FRUIT.

Jeremiah 17:8b (NLT) Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT) ²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Five things needed for a tree to flourish...

Soil, LIGHT, water, TEMPERATURE and TIME.

Additional Notes...

scriptures that relate

Monday: Psalm 88
Tuesday: Psalm 89

Wednesday: Psalm 90
Thursday: Psalm 91

Friday: Psalm 92
Saturday: Psalm 93

small groups—talk it over

1. What is the difference between going to church and being planted in church?
2. What are the keys to flourishing in your walk with the Lord?
3. How could you get more rooted in our church?
4. How will you become more planted today?

missions prayer requests

Monday: Thank you, Lord, for the immeasurable blessings that we receive on a daily basis.

Tuesday: Please pray for the Flores family and the rebuild of their home that caught on fire.

Wednesday: Pray for the 1000+ kids and their families that are homeless in Adams County.

Thursday: We praise the Lord of His blessing on our lives which allows us to bless others.

Friday: Let's pray for the families of those killed in churches all over the world.

Saturday: Continue to pray for the men and women serving in the military.