

### **THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S HOUSE**

The phrase "the house of the Lord" is used 213 times, "house of God" is used 87 times - that is a total of 300 references. This does not include other references such as "temple" and "tabernacle." God's house is a place of great importance.

**THE BLESSING IS  
IN THE HOUSE**

*The righteous flourish like the  
palm tree, and grow like a  
cedar in Lebanon*

- Psalm 92:12



**God promises that throughout life the  
righteous will flourish and grow.**

## 1. FLOURISHING

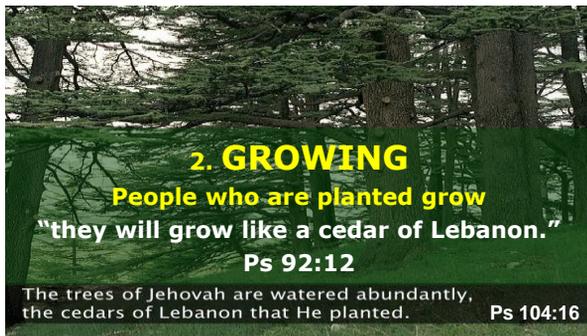
**People who are planted flourish**

"The righteous will flourish like a palm tree ..."

**Ps 92:12**

"Flourish" - "to blossom and to spread, to grow, thrive, achieve success, prosper, to be in a state of activity or production, to reach a height of development or influence. "Flourish" - "to break forth as a bud." In other words--breakthrough! Those who are planted will have breakthrough in their lives.

All of these things are desirable and attainable in the life of a child of God.



## 2. GROWING

**People who are planted grow**

**"they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon."**

**Ps 92:12**

The trees of Jehovah are watered abundantly,  
the cedars of Lebanon that He planted. **Ps 104:16**

## 3. FRUITFUL

**People who are planted produce fruit.**

**"They will still bear fruit in old age,"**

**(Ps 92:14 NIV)**

Fruitfulness is not seasonal it's a lifestyle. People who are planted don't just attend church but they are fruitful. Their life is making a difference for the kingdom of God. Bearing **MUCH** fruit glorifies the Father (Jn 15:8)

#### 4. FRESH / HEALTHY

**People who are planted stay fresh**

"They will still stay fresh and green"

(Ps 92:14 NIV)

"Stay fresh" - they stay on fire for God. God hasn't called us to get dried up, stale, rusty, no zeal, and lukewarm but to stay fresh and green. "Fresh" literally means, "fat" or "healthy." And a tree that is healthy will also be green.

God's Promise for those who are Planted:

**A FLOURISHING, FRESH,  
AND FRUITFUL PEOPLE**

to the glory of God.

Flourishing – displaying spiritual beauty

Fresh – being spiritually healthy.

Fruitful – bearing spiritual fruit.

#### BE PLANTED:

**Stay Flourishing, Fresh, Growing,  
and Fruitful for Life**

1. Be committed to daily prayer and bible reading (Flourish and Fresh!)
2. Be committed to church and to a community group (Grow!)
3. Be committed to serving in a ministry (Fruitful!)

**Be planted, grow and bear fruit!**



II.  
**STAY  
PLANTED**

## CALLED AND PLANTED BY GOD

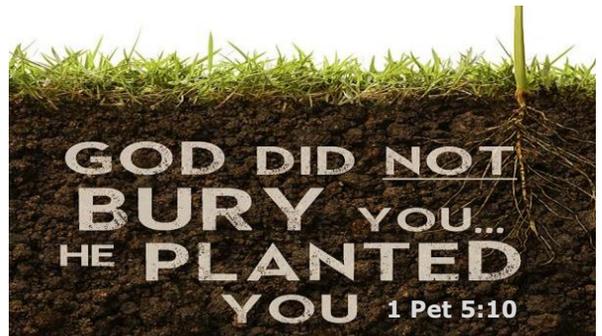
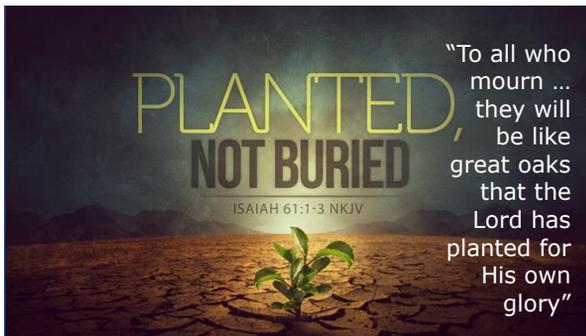
8 And the Lord God **planted** a garden toward the east, in Eden [delight]; and there He **put** the man whom He had formed. ... 15 And the LORD God took the man, and **put** him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. (Gen 2:8, 15)

**God plants us in a ministry and church for a reason.**

## STAY IN THE HOUSE

**Luke 15:11-23**

**His biggest mistake: He left the house!**

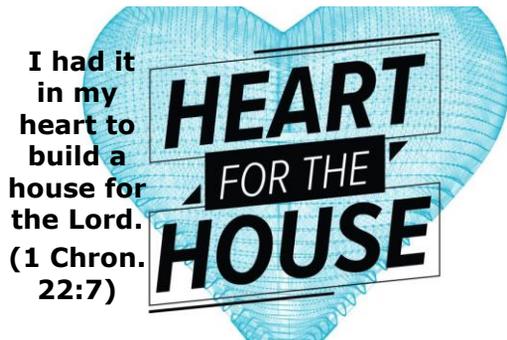




**A COMMITMENT TO THE HOUSE**  
"Those who are **planted** in the **house of the LORD** shall **flourish** in the **courts of our God.**"







### PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE

"I will begin making preparations for it now" (1 Chron. 22:5)

David said "If I am not going to be the one to build it then I at least will be the one to prepare for it in the greatest way that I can."



### A VISION FOR GOD'S HOUSE

God wants to do something great through his church. When we have a heart for the house, we should have an expectation, a vision and a faith that is not ruled by our own eyes, a vision that is not ruled by the customs and beliefs of our society, but a vision that is in line with **God's heart for His house.**

## **THE POWER IN GOD'S HOUSE GOD'S HOUSE BLESSES**

Great things happen in and because of the house of God, because it is the place on earth where God's eyes and His heart will constantly be. "I have consecrated this house that you have built, and put my name there forever; my eyes and my heart will be there for all time." (1 Kings 9:3) And that's where our heart should be too.

