

Jer. 17:5-7

⁵ Thus says the Lord:

“Cursed *is* the man who **trusts** in **man**
And makes **flesh** his **strength**,
Whose heart departs from the Lord. -

⁶ For he shall be like a **shrub** in the **desert**,
And shall **not** see when **good** comes,
But shall **inhabit** the **parched** places in the **wilderness**,
In a salt land which is not inhabited.

⁷ “**Blessed** *is* the man who **trusts** in the Lord,
And whose **hope** is the Lord. -
For he shall be like a tree planted by the (Living) Waters,
Which **spreads** out its **ROOTS** by the river,
And will **not fear** when **heat** comes;
But its **LEAF will be green**,
And will not be **anxious** in the year of **drought**,
Nor will **cease** from yielding FRUIT -

Google/Wiki Answers: "How do I make my fruit tree bear fruit.?"

“You Can not force a fruit tree bear fruit, But with the Proper Care,
Your tree will soon grow fruit.”

3 IMPORTANT PARTS OF A FRUIT TREE

1. Roots

Prov. 12:3

A man is not established (made firm) by ungodliness,
But the root (deep root) of the righteous cannot be moved.
12:12 But the root (deep root) of the righteous yields *fruit*.

*** 3 different kinds of ROOTS

1. Root of **Bitterness**
2. Root of **Gods Love**
3. Root of **Faith in Jesus**

Heb. 12:14

Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:
¹⁵ looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any ***root of bitterness*** springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; -

→ 1st kind of ROOT = Bitterness

Luke 17:1- woe *to him* through whom they do come! ² It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea,

→ 2nd Kind of Root = Gods Love

Eph 3:17

that *Christ may dwell in your hearts* through faith; that you, being ***rooted*** and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height — ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. -

NLT

Your ***roots*** will grow down into ***God's love*** and keep you strong..

3rd Kind of Root = Faith in Jesus

Col.2:6

As you **therefore** have **received** Christ **Jesus** the Lord, so ***walk*** in Him, ⁷ ***rooted*** and built up in Him ***and*** established (secured by the ***roots***) ***of your faith***, as you have been taught, abounding in it with ***thanksgiving***.

GOOD ROOTS = GOOD TREE

BAD ROOTS = BAD TREE

Shoots

→ If a **tree** is **healthy**, it is **constantly** producing **new shoots** and **branches**.

Branch = .A secondary outgrowth or subdivision of a main axis, a limb.

1 Thes. 5:11

¹¹ So **encourage** each **other** and **build** each other **up**,

3 Purposes of Tree Branches

1. PRUNED

John 15:1

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; **and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes**, that it may bear ***more fruit***. ³

2. PRODUCE

***** **Branches & shoots** that come **off** of the **main tree** **support** the **leaves**, **holding** them **up** to receive the **sun's light** for **photosynthesis** to **happen**. They **also** produce **buds** that form **new shoots**, **twigs** and **fruit**.

3. Provide

***** **Shoots** and **Branches** are the **main** source of **PROVISION** for the **tree**.

Trees receive an **estimated 90%** of their **nutrition** from the **atmosphere** and only **10%** from the **soil**.

Spiritual Photosynthesis Produces =

1. **SPIRITUAL SUGAR** = Spiritual **Energy**, Ability & Endurance (**GRACE**)
2. **Spiritual Oxygen** = **Ruach/Pnuema**, **Breath of Life/Wind of God**,
3. **Spiritual WATER** = Beyond what **WE** need, to Refresh & Restore others

///→ **GOD Desires** us to mirror in the **SPIRITUAL** the **PHYSICAL** properties of how a **TREE** Thrives and **Survives**

//--→ **TREES** absorb **TOXINS** and RELEASE **LIFE**.