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The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree, He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Planted in the house of the LORD, They will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still yield fruit in old age; They shall be full of sap and very green.

Psalm 92:12-14

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Transient Christians

... try a church out for a bit, but prove themselves right that no church has it all together, so they leave.

... hit a problem & leave b/c "God called them away" or they have "outgrown that church".

...move from spiritual experience to spiritual experience.

... lightly participate at several churches, but fail to connect deeply.

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You'll never grow
to your spiritual potential,
if you keep uprooting
to plant somewhere else!

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Ephesians 3:14-19

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being **rooted** and **grounded** in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

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1. Rooted in love

- ἑρριζωμένοι (errizōmenoi) – “To cause to take root.”

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1. Rooted in love

- Eighty percent of all plant disorders include root problems.
- Develop “concrete feet”.
- Christians who don’t plant roots cannot develop in love and stunt their chances of growth.

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2. Grounded in Love

- Τεθεμελιωμενοι (te-them-eele-omen-oi) – “grounded, established”
–like the foundation of a building.

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2. Grounded in Love

- "From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." - **Ephesians 4:16**
- "In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit" - **Ephesians 2:21-22**
- "You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood..." - **1 Peter 2:5**

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