

HEALTHY THINGS GROW

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I. INTRODUCTION/REVIEW

Mark 12:30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

1. God First

2. People are the Priority

3. Healthy Things Grow

Jeremiah 17:7-8 “But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

II. HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM HEALTHY?

1. Where Am I Planted?

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Psalms 1:3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

Psalms 1:1-3 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on His law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

A. Do not plant yourself in the wrong places.

B. Do plant yourself in the right places.

C. Today's date is 02.02.2020.

2. Are My Roots Growing Deep?

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A. Signs of spiritual roots

B. Servanthood

C. The Leading of the Holy Spirit

3. Am I Thriving?

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A. We are not focused on fear.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

B. We are connected to Christ.

John 15:5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.”

4. Am I Fruitful?

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John 15:7-8 If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples.

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

A. Questions for the Church

- Where are we planted?
- Are our roots growing deep?
- Are we thriving?
- Are we fruitful?

B. What will it take for us to be more fruitful? Three things...

1. *It will take prayerful dependence.*

- This initiative is not about what God does for us, but about what God does in us.

2. *It will take wise obedience.*

- We must grow deeper as we get wider.
- We must get smaller as we get bigger.

3. *It will take sacrificial generosity.*

2 Corinthians 9:11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

C. P.L.O.W. Principle

- P. — Pray
- L. — Listen
- O. — Obey
- W. — Watch