

ROOTS

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I. THE VISION TREE

A. Today's seeds are tomorrow's fruit.

- The seeds you plant today will bear fruit in the future.

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.”

- This is not just about a building.
- This is not just about money.

B. God is strengthening our trunk, so we can extend our branches.

- God is not done with Calvary!
- This is not about what God does for us, but about what He does in us.

II. THE ROOTS OF THE VISION TREE

- Roots anchor the tree.
- Roots feed the tree.

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.

A. Heart — The core of a person's identity

Proverbs 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

- What is the most important thing in your life?

B. Soul — The seat of your emotions and passions

Psalms 42:5 Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God.

- What are you passionate about?

C. Mind — The intentional direction of your thinking

1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at His coming.

- How are you developing your mind?

D. Strength — The expression of your energy

1 Peter 4:11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

- How is God's strength at work in your life?

III. FOUR ROOTS FOR CALVARY

1. God First

2. People are the Priority

3. Healthy Things Grow

4. We Get to Do This

IV. GOD FIRST

Matthew 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

1. God first in my life

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.

- Staying connected to God
- Placing a priority of God's Word

2. God first in my heart

Psalms 19:14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

- God is first in my words.
- God is first in my thoughts.

Psalms 51:10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

- God is first in my repentance
- Learning to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit

3. God first in my desires

Psalms 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

- God is the source of my needs

Malachi 3:8-10 “Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ “In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

- God is the source of my delight

Psalms 37:4 Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

- Is God first in your life?