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ROOTS

I love to grow things. I have grown dozens of avocado trees from the pit, and many have produced fruit. My husband was working in the back yard of our new home recently and while raking he found a root. He brought it to me and said it looked like ginger. I cut it, and sure enough it is ginger. Someone had planted it there before we bought this home. I decided to take this small root and put it in water to see if it would develop a root system. Sure enough, there are roots growing on it and soon it can be planted. It will need time to grow, but soon it will be able to grow and reproduce.

Scripture has a lot to say about seeds and roots. In Colossians 2:6-7 it says, ***“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.”*** The word root in these verses means to become stable. Like a plant, we must also have a good root system for us to grow properly. We must be rooted in Jesus.

When the parable of the four soils was given by Jesus, seed could not grow deep in the wayside, or in the stony, or thorny ground. The stony ground had no root in themselves so it couldn't grow. (Mark 4:17.)

A common factor in most churches is that people have very shallow roots when it comes the deeper (rooted) things of God. Because of this they sway with every new wind of doctrine that blows their way.

You could have a carry-in dinner and have a crowd, but often when there is a bible study only a few people may show up. You can't blame that on a pastor if the people don't want to hear the word taught. You could have a church with thousands of members when the messages preached are about feeling good, but when repentance is preached the numbers dwindle. Others think because they had some “good preaching” when they were young that it will sustain them, and they don't need to be in church. That is like eating day old bread. It just isn't like a fresh word of God by studying it daily.

In the days coming we must have deeper roots in the word of God (which is Jesus Christ, because he is the WORD that became flesh) and know who we are in Jesus. We must know how to use our authority through his name. We must be anchored in the word so our faith will be strong when the winds of adversity blow.

The prophets of the Old Testament sent warning after warning to those that weren't living rooted in Jehovah. They sought after foreign gods and idols and were eventually taken into captivity. Without Christ, we have no root system at all.

I want my roots to grow deeper and deeper in Christ and I pray that you do too!