

GROUNDING

June 8, 2025
Roots Before Fruit



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Mark 4:26-29 (GNT)

Am I Planted?

1. Planted in the _____, not _____.

Galatians 5:25 (NLT) – "Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives."

Colossians 2:6-7 (NLT) – "And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow Him. Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness."

2. The _____ work is the _____ work.

Luke 4:18-19, 21 (NLT) – "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the LORD's favor has come. The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!"

Isaiah 61:1-3 (NLT) – "The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed... In their righteousness, **they will be like great oaks that the LORD has planted for his own glory.**"

John 15:4 (NLT) – "Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine,"

Psalms 1:3 (GNT) – "They are like trees that grow beside a stream, that bear fruit at the right time, and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in everything they do."

Ephesians 3:16-17 (NLT) – "I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong."

Psalms 92:12-14 (NLT) – "The godly will flourish like palm trees and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon. For they are transplanted to the Lord's own house. They flourish in the courts of our God. Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green."

Philippians 1:6 (CEV) – "God is the one who began this good work in you, and I am certain that he won't stop before it is complete on the day that Christ Jesus returns."

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