



April 4, 2021 Lesson 2 - "Don't Water the Weeds"

James 4: 7 & 8

Each of us have a garden of flowers; weeds grow in every garden. Be careful to not water the weeds.

God is concerned with what you do being heirs that belong to him. Since we are new creatures there is a renewing of the mind that is to take place daily. Just as flowers need daily attention so do our gardens of the heart.

Renewal takes place in your heart, and a sanctification in your spirit.

We do not work because we are saved but we work to be saved.

Your faith will cause you work at keeping the weeds out of your garden.

Scripture References for the Lesson

✚ Rom 12: 1-2; James 1

The Flowers that can grow in your garden.

The Flower of Patience

- The flower of patience is developed by the testing of your trials.
- The flower of patience can be destroyed by being double-minded.
- The flower cannot grow if overtaken by a mind not settled.
- Count it all joy when the trials of life come so you can overtake the weeds.

The Flower of Righteousness

- The flowers of life must be fertilized; Fertilization comes through the form of trials and tribulations. That is why we must count it joy when trials come.
- To keep your flowers growing you cannot allow the weeds of wrath, anger, and bitterness to overtake your garden.
- Anger will happen; we must keep ourselves under control and allow the Holy Spirit to be our guide.
- When we focus on the vertical (This) than the weeds of horizontal (that) won't be able to overtake our garden.
- Satan will cause you to be distracted. We must be women of peace.



- We give weeds a chance to take over if we do not continue to fertilize with the spirit of God.
- Do not let weeds occupy space that belongs to your flowers.
- Be forgiving of each other; Christ was the ultimate example of love.
- Before you were even formed God had us in mind by willingly give up his son just for you.
- God forgave us for Christ Sake; not ours.

The Flower of Self-Control

- The flowers of life must be fertilized; Fertilization comes through the form of trials and tribulations. That is why we must count it joy when trials come.
- Self- Control is something that takes time; remember your tongue.
- The tongue may be small member, but it can cause damage beyond repair.
- The tongue can ignite the weed of inequity. Do not let your garden become infested with weeds.
- It's amazing how your tongue is red and small, and fire is red and small...it only takes a little to spark a flame that can't be tamed.
- Work on your flowers that are the fruit of the spirit; nurture those so you do not give in to the weeds of bitterness.
- When you don't pull your weeds, they can overtake all that you strive to plant in your garden.

How do you fertilize your garden, so the weeds don't grow?

Submit – Whatever your situation is give yourself to God's will.

Surrender – Give everything over to God; When you surrender you let God know its not your will but his.

Resist- Stand firm against the devil; and he will flee from you.

Purify- Clear your mind; by drawing nigh to God.



Dig out your weeds so they do not occupy your garden.

Stay in your word; God will expose the weeds, but it is up to you to get rid of them.

Trust in God and he will direct you; He is directing your path you just must be bold enough to till your garden so that God can show you how to cultivate your garden.

Realize that you are God's daughter; you are heir to the power that is in God.

What weeds are you going to work to dig out?

What seed are you willing to plant so that you can grow?

