

Title: To be planted
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Matthew 15:13

¹³ But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted."

a: Life vs. existence

Psalm 1:3 RSV

³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water, that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

- In a place of complete yieldedness & total trust
- To be positioned in and resigned to His perfect will

b: Growth vs. stagnation

John 15:2

² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

c: Security and peace

Jeremiah 17:7-8 RSV

⁷ Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸ He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.

d: Established in God's house

Psalm 92:12-14

¹² The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. ¹³ Those who are planted in the house of the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of our God. ¹⁴ They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing.

- Grace to abound

Ezekiel 47:12 RSV

¹² And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.

- Positioned for prominence (God's showcase)

Isaiah 61:3 AMP

³ To grant [consolation and joy] to those who mourn in Zion--to give them an ornament (a garland or diadem) of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment [expressive] of praise instead of a heavy, burdened, and failing spirit--that they may be called oaks of righteousness [lofty, strong, and magnificent, distinguished for uprightness, justice, and right standing with God], the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.

- Power to propagate

Isaiah 60:21-22 NASB

²¹ Then all your people will be righteous; they will possess the land forever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I may be glorified. ²² The smallest one will become a clan, and the least one a mighty nation. I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time.

Isaiah 61:11

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its bud, As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.