

BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED

SCRIPTURES AND TIPS

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We are encouraged to bloom where we are planted, right where God has us in this moment. These scriptures and tips will remind us and encourage our hearts to bloom beautifully today and in this season.

Blooming by the faith we've been given:

So don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding, alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, warm friendliness, and generous love, each dimension fitting into and developing the others. 2 Peter 1:5-7 MSG

Blooming by what's sown:

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 2 Corinthians 9:6 NIV

Blooming by not giving up:

So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Galatians 6:9 MSG

Blooming is God's work:

I planted the seed, Apollos watered the plants, but *God* made you grow. It's not the one who plants or the one who waters who is at the center of this process but God, who makes things grow. 1 Corinthians 3:6-7 MSG

Blooming in God's ways:

For as the earth bursts with spring wildflowers, and as a garden cascades with blossoms, so the Master, God, brings righteousness into full bloom and puts praise on display before the nations. Isaiah 61:11 MSG

How do we do that when blooming isn't easy?

Live in the moment.

What we experience now is preparing us. What we walk through today will help us down the road. We may not understand why we're planted where we are, or why we are experiencing these current circumstances, but we can trust they'll benefit us in the future. We can look back over our lives and see that's been the case before and it will be again. We embrace where we are and live in every moment we are given. Living in the moment helps us bloom beautifully.

Be grateful.

When we have an attitude of gratitude, not only does it benefit ourselves, but it affects others. Gratefulness helps us view life in a positive perspective and it makes our days a much more pleasant! It enables us to see the many gifts and blessings we've been given. Doing so might help another to do the same. Gratefulness helps us bloom brightly.

Bless others.

Something happens when we set out to be a blessing. We not only impact the lives of those we bless, but we impact ours as well. Blessing others brings hope, joy, and encouragement. It can become contagious and cause a ripple effect. Those you bless, bless others, and lives are touched beyond what you can see. Something as simple as a smile can be a blessing. Blessing others helps us bloom brilliantly.

Make a choice.

When it appears to not be easy or convenient, or if you've been dealt some tough circumstances, make the choice to bloom anyway. In life there's more than one way to bloom. Look for ways to shine, to grow, to see things from a different perspective. Even if it's not easy, blooming will be worth it. Sometimes just choosing to do so is all it takes to bloom boldly.