**RISE UP** in 2021

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**I QUIT**

**Quit Going to Church –** *Psalm 92:12-15*



Is there **more**?

God never told you to **go to church**.

God said you **are the church**.

Quit **going** to church!

Be **planted**.

*The righteous* ***flourish*** *like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.* ***They are planted******in the house of the Lord****; they* ***flourish*** *in the courts of our God. They still* ***bear fruit*** *in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, to declare that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.* Psalm 92:12–15

Are you **flourishing**?

**Flourish** – grow or develop in a **healthy** or **vigorous** way, especially as the result of a particularly **favorable** **environment**.

Your life is a **seed**.

It has **potential**.

A seed can only grow if it is **planted**.

*A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed,* ***some seeds fell along the path****, and the birds came and devoured them.* Matthew 13:4

***Other seeds fell on rocky ground,*** *where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had* ***no depth of soil****, but when* ***the sun rose*** *they were scorched. And since they had no root,* ***they withered away****.* Matthew 13:5-6

*Other seeds* ***fell among thorns****, and the thorns grew up and* ***choked them****.* Matthew 13:7

*Other seeds* ***fell on good soil*** *and* ***produced grain****, some a* ***hundredfold****, some* ***sixty****, some* ***thirty****.* ***He who has ears, let him hear****.”* Matthew 13:8–9

“Going to church” is not the same as being **planted**.

What happens when you are **planted**?

1. Your roots grow **deep**.

*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****.”* Jeremiah 17:8

2. Your roots produce **fruit**.

*But the* ***fruit of the Spirit*** *is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.* Galatians 5:22–23

It takes five things for a tree to grow …

**Soil** = your **heart**

**Light** = the **Word**

**Water** = a relationship with **Jesus**, the Living water

**Temperature** = the **Holy** Spirit fire

**Time** = your **life**

When is the best time?

**Now**!