



I. FLOURISH:

- 1) To thrive; to be successful; to prosper. To exceed and have in abundance.
- 2) To be in one's prime; a state of excellence and influence.
- 3) To break forth as a bud. To blossom and to spread.

A. FLOURISHING IN LIFE COMES FROM PLANTING YOURSELF IN THE RIGHT ENVIRONMENT.

- For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. - 1 Peter 1:23

B. EVERYTHING HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO FLOURISH IN A SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENT.

- The environment that you were designed to flourish in is "the house of the Lord."

C. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ATTENDING A CHURCH AND PLANTING YOURSELF IN A CHURCH

- Are you potted or planted?

D. TWO PICTURES OF FLOURISHING

- The Palm depicts resiliency and durability
- The Cedar tree depicts strength and endurance
- *They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. - Jeremiah 17:8*

E. AGING IS INEVITABLE, BUT GROWING OLD DOESN'T HAVE TO BE