

“ARE YOU FLOURISHING?”

Series: “Flourishing”, Part 1 of 6
Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: Miscellaneous Scriptures

Big Idea: God has called us to flourish as Christ-followers and he’s given us a manual, the Bible, to tell us how to do it.

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; 13 planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. 14 They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, 15 proclaiming, “The LORD is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.” -Psalm 92:12-15

Positive emotions

Engagement

Relationships

Meaning

Accomplishments

THREE SUPER-IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF BIBLICAL FLOURISHING:

1. It's about both this life AND the next.

“If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.” -1 Corinthians 15:19

“My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, 2 for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. 3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. 8 This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. 9 Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; 10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.” -Proverbs 3:1-10

“When a wicked man dies, his hope perishes; all he expected from his power comes to nothing.” -Proverbs 11:7

The senseless man does not know, fools do not understand, 7 that though the wicked spring up like grass and all evildoers flourish, they will be forever destroyed. -Psalm 92:6-7

“What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? 37 Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?” -Mark 8:36-37

2. It brings a sense of deep soul-satisfaction and fulfillment.

“Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife.” -Proverbs 17:1

3. There is no optimal flourishing without helping others flourish.

Rex's Definition: "Progressively experiencing the full dimensions of God's favor and blessings in this life and the next, and helping others do the same."

"Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper". -Jeremiah 29:7

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." -Mark 10:45