

YOUR SPIRITUAL GARDEN

by Nancy Hadley - 2004

Sow the seeds of the gospel in faith
And nurture the souls with patience;
Then you will see the sure hand of God,
As alone He provides the increase.

Grow where ever you find yourself planted
And be content there in;
God is the one who determines the roles
Our job is to labor within.

Pull the weeds of your garden each day,
Keep them from taking control;
Just think of the sins in our life as the weeds
And remove them by using God's rules.

Prune those branches of unwanted growth,
The pruning will help to make strength;
God has promised a paradise garden,
If we stay rooted in faith.

Last, but not least, we all must bear fruit
To follow God's commands that we hear;
The fruit of the Spirit, although quite diverse,
Is the most beautiful fruit we can bear.

PLANT THE RIGHT SEEDS

- * If you plant *honesty*, you will reap trust.
- * If you plant *goodness*, you will reap friends.
- * If you plant *humility*, you will reap greatness.
- * If you plant *perseverance*, you will reap contentment.
- * If you plant *consideration*, you will reap perspective.
- * If you plant *hard work*, you will reap success.
- * If you plant *forgiveness*, you will reap reconciliation.
- * If you plant *faith in Christ*, you will reap a harvest.



- Glad Tidings of Good Things (House to House), Jacksonville, AL -

To make the most of today, keep eternity in mind.

News & Notes

CONGRATULATIONS: To Zach Thompson for being inducted into the National Honor Society at East Liverpool High School.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All the ladies are invited to participate in this good work.

MEN'S LEADERSHIP CLASSES: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. The last class for this series is Tuesday, May 30th. All the men are urged to attend this instructive class.

GRADUATION PARTY: For MaClay Moore on Saturday, June 3rd, 3:00-6:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Building. All are invited to attend.

PANTRY: Oatmeal (round box).

REMEMBER WITH PRAYER & CARDS: Margie Chisler (Peggy Williams' sister), 1596 Daybrook Road, Fairview, WV 26570. Margie has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Eva Stefl, Betty Henthorne, Doris Dunham, Lewis Call (Cindy Miskimen's dad). **FOX NURSING HOME:** Mary Nelson.

CROSSROADS: Sarah Miller, Jim Mick, **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Ella Beagle. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

BIBLE MATH

Have you ever known someone that had to have everything spelled out with facts and figures? For a situation to be understood, they had to be able to mathematically understand it. For these people I offer examples of Bible math.

First, let's do some addition. The Bible plus man's doctrine equals condemnation (Rev. 22:18; Deut. 4:2; 1 Cor. 4:6). Belief plus baptism equals salvation (Mark 16:16). Repentance plus baptism equals salvation (Acts 2:38). One plus one equals two. One minus one equals nothing. Faith plus virtue plus knowledge plus temperance plus patience plus godliness plus brotherly kindness plus love equals fruitfulness (2 Peter 1:5-9).

Now for some subtraction. The Bible minus any part equals condemnation (Rev. 22:19). The body minus a hand which causes an offense equals no offense (Matt. 18:8, 9). The church minus the disorderly brethren equals purity (2 Thess. 3:6; Matt. 18:17).

We can also multiply. Disciples times disciples equals growth (Acts 6:1). When is the last time you helped this happen?

Division is also possible. The Bible divided by study equals proper understanding (2 Tim. 2:15). A house divided against itself equals a collapse (Matt. 12:25). The religious world divided by men equals division, strife and confusion (1 Cor. 1:10-13).

- Tim Kidwell, Bulletin Digest -