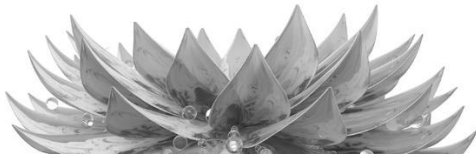


Bloom



Sermon Outline
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Bloom HOW You Were Planted

Bloom: Doing beautiful things with your God-given resources.

The Bloom analogy is consistent with Biblical imagery.

John 15:5 - I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Bloom:

1. **Because you were planted = Purpose**

2. _____ you were planted = _____

3. _____ you are planted = _____

* **The Bloom analogy is consistent with biology. Plants do what they were _____ to do.**

* **You are designed for a _____ with God.**

Matthew 22:37-38 - Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment."

This requires living like:

* **He's the Creator and we're His _____.**

1 Timothy 6:17 - Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

* **Our downfall is the _____ that we can make it on our own in this world.**

Psalm 14:1a - The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

* **He's the owner and we're the _____.**

Psalm 24:1 - The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Luke 12:20-21 - But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?" This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.

* **You are designed for _____.**

Ecclesiastes 3:11b - He has also set eternity in the human heart.

1 Thessalonians 4:17 - After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

* **Your focus determines your _____.**

Our imagination so magnifies the present because we are constantly thinking about it and so reduces eternity because we don't think about it, that we turn eternity into nothing and nothing into eternity. – Blaise Pascal

This requires a lifestyle that:

* _____ in eternity.

Matthew 6:20 - But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

* **Is a _____ not a reservoir.**

Luke 6:38 - Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

* **You can tell that you truly trust God with your eternity when you trust Him with your _____.**