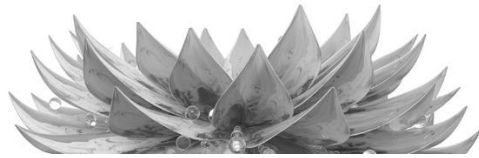


Bloom



Sermon Outline
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Bloom WHERE You Were Planted

The Bloom analogy is consistent with Biblical imagery.

Luke 8:11 & 15 - This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God... But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

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

Bloom:

1. **Because you were planted = Purpose**
2. **How you were planted = Design**
3. _____ you are planted = _____

* **The Bloom analogy is consistent with biology.**
Plants bloom where they're planted.

* **There are many factors concerning
life that are predetermined such as:**

1. **When, where and to whom you were _____.**
2. **Mental capacity and giftedness.**
3. _____ aspects of personality and temperament.

* **What _____ the "bloom where you're
planted" philosophy?**

* **The "myth of the _____"
ideology which is based on comparison.**

The danger in comparison is that we see our behind-the-scenes life while observing everyone else's highlight reel.

* **Whenever you compare it leads to _____.**

* **Contentment is a metaphorical _____
in today's culture—talked about but rarely seen.**

* **Money is gratifying, not _____.**

Ecclesiastes 5:10 - Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.

* **Contentment isn't having what you _____.
It's wanting what you _____.**

* **True contentment is a superpower.**

1. **Contentment an antidote to _____.**
2. **A contented person can't be manipulated.**
3. **Nothing can take away a contented person's sense
of _____.**

Psalm 73:25 - Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

* **What contentment is not: Being complacent,
unmotivated or _____.**

* **Contentment is the _____
to bloom where you are planted.**

John 3:27 - To this John replied, "A person can receive only what is given them from heaven."

John 3:30 - He must become greater; I must become less.

* **A lack of contentment will _____ godly
stewardship of your God-given financial resources.**

Luke 16:10-11 - Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

* **Being faithful with what you have determines if God
can trust you with _____.**