

*"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers." Psalm 1:1-3*

One of the ways we see God in nature is that the natural world serves others. Have you ever thought about how natural things give of themselves just as part of what they are?

Let's think about trees. Trees don't yield their fruit just for themselves. Many animals feast on their fruits, nuts, blossoms and leaves. Their leaves shade and protect many different creatures from hot, wet, and cold. Their roots provide habitats for even more fellow creatures. The trunk and branches of trees provide firm foundations for nests and homes. Trees are beautiful making the environment around them lovely with their presence.

When we delight in God this scripture tells us we are like a tree. A tree that has consistent water. A tree that is well positioned to grow and mature becoming a blessing to the environment around it. We can share the fruit of our life with others. We can provide shelter and a firm foundation for others. We can bring the beauty of love and grace to those around us.

Through daily practice of laying down our life for God, in all the big or little ways that come along, giving can become natural to us. It can be as much a part of us as it is a part of trees.

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