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How To Plant A Christian Garden

I) Five Rows of Pea's (P's)

a row of 1.) Patience - Endurance

A) Heb 10:36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

Patience is something that we all need and very seldom have enough of.

Waiting for someone. Jesus.

B.) Luke 21:19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

Stand fast in your faith and you shall win your souls for life eternal.

a row of 2.) Purpose - Plan

A.) Acts 11:23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

In our life here on earth we may choose to be Lawyers, Firemen, Teachers, Farmers, etc; and then change our mind and be something else - change jobs. In our life here on earth we have but one job and that is to follow the teachings that are in the Bible. Our purpose in life should be to be better Christian's.

a row of 3.) Peace - Contentment

A.) II Cor. 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Live in peace, don't fight (~~o~~) with your fellow-man.

B.) James 1:19-20 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness

3)B) of God

This row of peace should be planted next to the row of patience, because it takes a lot of patience to lead a peaceful life here on earth.

a row of 4.) Promptness - ~~Quick to respond~~ Readiness - ~~Punctual~~

A.) I Cor 16:12 As touching our brother Apollos, I greatly desired him to come unto you with the brethren: but his will was not at all to come at this time; but he will come when he shall have convenient time.

B.) Acts 24:25 "In part"; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

We have set times to be at work and if we are late we are subject to being docked for it. If it happens too often we may lose our jobs. We have a set time to have our worship together and if everything goes alright we are here on time, but do not allow for the unexpected - flat tire, run out of gas.

Be also prompt in your ready awareness of the scriptures.

a row of 5.) Prudence - Caution

A.) Prov 8:5-12 Pg 662

The early disciples went through the fear of death, and even death itself for what they believed; sacrificing their lives here on this earth for the hope of that life in heaven.

We have to use caution, and be wise to the ways of the world. We have to be prepared for the little traps that await us.

II.) Five Rows of Lettuce

1.) Gal 6:9 and <u>let us not be weary</u> in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Let us not be weary

A.) I Cor 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Don't get tired and lose heart in doing the will of God. If we stand fast in our faith our reward will be a crown of life.

Let us draw nearer

2.) Heb 10:22 <u>Let us draw near</u> with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let nearer to God, trusting Him who gave His Son to die on the cross for us. Be honest and sincere in our faith.

Let us consider

3.) Heb 10:24 <u>Let us consider</u> one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

Watch over each other and help each other while you are yet able to do so.

Let us watch

4.) I Thess 5:6 Therefore <u>let us not sleep</u>, as do others; but <u>let us watch</u> and be sober.

Be ready at all times for the coming of Christ.

Let us walk honestly

5.) Rom 13:13 <u>Let us walk honestly</u>, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

Be decent in everything that you say and do here on earth so that those around you will have nothing but good to say of you.

III) Five Hills of Squash

squash out evil surmisings

1.) I Tim 6:4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmissings,.

Keep away from those persons that thy to cause strife in the church. Arguments lead to jealousy and anger.

A.) Pro 22:24 Make ~~not~~ no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go.

squash out gossip

2.) I Tim 5:13 And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

A.) II Thess 3:6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

squash out our indifferences

3.) Phil 2:20-21 For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

Be concerned with what goes on in the church. Can you say to yourself "I care" and really feel like you mean it?

squash out Pride

4.) Psalms 73:6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment.

A.) I Tim 3:6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

The pride of life is not of God but of the world.

This chain of pride will hold you back from entering into heaven.

squash out evil things

5.) I Cor 10:10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

Don't complain about why God commanded us to do certain things or not do certain things. If we just stand fast in the faith we will know His reasons.

III.) Five Rows of Turn-ups

Turn up at every meeting

1.) Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Whenever the opportunity arises, you should, if it is at all possible, fellowship with your Christian brethren. Don't just go to church on Sunday morning, but stay to make it all the evening worship also.

Turn up with good ideas

2.) Prov. 14:22 Do they not err that devise evil? But mercy and truth shall be to them that devise good.

If it were not for ideas that were put to work then we would still be riding horses instead of driving cars, etc.

If you have an idea that you think would help the Church then mention it to someone else, he may have thought of the same thing.

Turn up with enthusiasm

3.) II Cor 7:11 Pg 206

Be glad and happy that you could make it to Church - and really mean it. People that come in a few minutes late or right at the set time, to start and then leave as soon as the last

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"Amen" is said cannot be too enthused at being at Church.

A.) I Cor 11:33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another -

4.) Prov. 15:13-15 pg ~~665~~ 668

Turn-up with determination to do right)

Try to expand your knowledge of the scriptures - study to show thyself worthy of being called a "Christian".

If someone is sick, you should visit them. By taking a few minute of your time in visiting someone that is not able to get out, it will give that person a moral lift in knowing that someone cares.

Turn-Up

5.) A.) I Cor 16:2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

B.) Acts 20:7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

If you are able to come to church and don't, then you are not obeying the scriptures.

Master Cultivate

~~3.~~ 2.) Try as we may we cannot keep weeds from getting into the garden. So we need =

1.) One Row of artichokes - to choke out

1. "Evil with Good"
2. "Lust with the Spirit"
3. "Darkness with Light"
4. "Malice with Love"