

Hebrews (6)

Heb 6:7-12

The summary of these verses. As we go through life, we get rained on. What do we do with the rain? Question is what kind of ground are you? Even though we review our situations, it is a positive and negative review. Negative to remove anything that is causing us to be sluggish. And positive so that we would continue to follow through on the choices we have made.

Heb 6:7-8 Two kinds of ground.

For the ground that has soaked up the rain that frequently falls on it and yields useful vegetation for those who tend it receives a blessing from God. But if it produces thorns and thistles, it is useless and about to be cursed; its fate is to be burned.

Those of you who do gardening or have flowers around your house understand this concept of growing. Dirt, water, nutrients and sunlight are the four items necessary for production. What you are growing will determine the amount of each. What would be useful vegetation in your life?

Gal 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control

2Pet 1:5-7

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly affection, unselfish love.

Now I realize that there are some plants that look just like the good but are really dangerous to our health. So it is probably a good idea to know something about flowers and food plants and similar vegetation. So what would be thorns and thistles?

Gal 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, depravity, idolatry, sorcery, hostilities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish rivalries, dissensions, factions, envying, murder, drunkenness, carousing, and similar things.

We need to keep our eyes open so we can discern the difference.

Heb 6:9-10.

But in your case, dear friends, even though we speak like this, we are convinced of better things relating to salvation. For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love you have demonstrated for his name, in having served and continuing to serve the saints.

Keep in mind that this section of scripture is a special bulletin. It is placed here for us to become more aware of the seriousness of salvation and the life that follows.

When we were younger and saw a need, it was easy to jump in and help in any way needed. Now as much as the heart and mind want to, the body just doesn't follow along. So we have to adjust how we serve according to our current ability. God understands and will give guidance and wisdom and skill as we go on.

Heb 6:11-12

But we passionately want each of you to demonstrate the same eagerness for the fulfillment of your hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and perseverance inherit the promises.

What is passion? A very strong constant desire for something. To see Jesus. To be in God's presence. All family and friends in heaven. Fill in the blank. In this case that the reader would continue to aim at the goal and persevere throughout the path ahead. There are great blessings and promises to receive when finished.