

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

I was noticing Beth's flowers the other day. I saw her constantly taking time every morning and every evening to make sure that they were watered. Beth takes great pride in her flowers, and I must say that I enjoy the beauty of their colors, too. However, the children failed to water the flowers one morning. As the sun rose and the heat began to rise, the flowers began to wilt and appeared to die. Beth returned home and immediately noticed that the flowers had not been properly watered. That evening, Beth took care to make sure that every plant was watered. Then, the next morning, she made certain that the plants were watered again. Sure enough the plants came back to life and shone forth with beauty again. Sure the sun and high heat took their toil; but cool, fresh water revived the plants and encouraged them to grow.

Our spiritual lives are much like those plants. With the proper watering and care, our spiritual lives seem to thrive even in the midst of the heat of life. But if we neglect our spiritual lives, then, like those plants, our lives quickly begin to wilt and die.

While the plants need cool water to provide the means of life, we need God to give us the strength to withstand the world. We find God and grow in knowledge of God through daily Bible reading, through prayer, and through meditation. If we miss a day, our spiritual life, like those flowers, begins to wilt and die. There is an old hymn that says, "I need thee every hour" and how true are those words.

2 Timothy 2:15, says, "Study to show oneself approved unto God..."

Are we 'watering' our spiritual lives, so that we may grow and show forth the beauty of God in our lives? Beth has developed a routine about watering her flowers. We, as God's children, need to develop a routine that will nourish our spiritual lives. When was the last time you 'watered' your spiritual life?

Peace,

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