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Importance of Planting
In Our Times

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SUPPORT is a magazine made especially to nourish and strengthen all Elder's Spouses to press forward and be a support for their spouse, male or female, and for their other colleagues in the ministry. Aware that God is everything for them, prayer will sustain them, and without discriminating, they will serve joyfully. With eyes focused on eternity, let all honour and glory be given to God!

NOTE: All unnamed article is contribution of the editor.

From Heart to Heart:

It is a great satisfaction It really is!!!

Do you know what it means and how it feels, to plant some seeds, or as I had the custom of doing, I scatter them in the yard, because I feel so sorry to throw the seeds of pumpkins, watermelon, papaya, green pepper, etc. in the trash can, and to see how they sprout and green shoots start to come out of the soil? Now, even for me who am a “random sower” like my husband used to call me? But do you know what? Let me tell you.

We love papaya, especially my husband. At some of the houses where we lived in Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao, we have sowed seeds and tried to get papaya trees. Even in Aruba a brother gave us a beautiful tree, but before we left, it was discovered that it was male, so it wouldn't produce fruit.

When we lived at Groot Santa Martha, an elderly lady neighbor, very graciously gave us one papaya fruit from her abundant tree. It was sweet! Me, like always, I randomly scattered the seeds in the yard and some fell in one of the holes that the dog dugged in the yard. Let me tell you, a big, beautiful papaya tree grew laden with fruit, that we could use for ourselves, and share also with others. Isn't God good?

From seeds that my husband and son planted, it was a joy to see corn, small cucumber, many pumpkins grow and okra; even banana trees produced a lot so we could use them to eat, cook, bake, and share with neighbor and family, and my passion fruit plant!!! Ah! Only iguana is a problem!

My brother, my sister, be of good courage and plant! Put fruit and vegetable seeds beneath the soil, and see God's miracle. Or even, like me, scatter them in the yard, you never know, they can sprout and grow food for you and your family, maybe not as big as these in the pictures, but still some. Let me know of your experiment.

And you know, even so, let's do good on behalf of the salvation of others, let's “sow” gospel seeds everywhere around us, these also sprout and give fruit, “in its time”, like Paul says in Galatians 6:9 “*And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary.*”

Let's trust God who is faithful, and has promised us His blessing!



Psalms 1:3

"And he will be like
a tree firmly planted
by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in
its season, And its leaf
does not wither;
And in whatever
he does, he prospers."

THE IMPORTANCE OF PLANTING IN OUR TIMES

By: Annette Parris

Planting is an activity with a lot of benefits for both young and old.

In His providence God allowed us to come and live in Bandabou, in a humble house surrounded by a field. As a child I wasn't raised with planting, my husband did, and he motivated both me and our son to love planting. Personally I like details, and I enjoy seeing the seeds that were sowed coming out and grow while the sound of wind and singing birds fill the air.

I believe that planting was in God's plan for human being from the beginning in Eden and it always had its benefits. For example, natural medicines like sunshine, fresh air, and exercise benefit our health when we occupy ourselves with planting. But our trust in God grows also when we are in contact with nature and witness the miracle of growth.



In our times, when the days seem shorter and shorter and we have to squeeze a lot of work in a short time, when stress and burnouts increase, when we do more work behind the computer and have the tendency to lose the connection with nature, when fruits and vegetables become more expensive, when the use of pesticides and food manipulation become the norm of day, it is well to pay much more attention to the importance of planting.

As medicine for stress and communion moments with God in nature, planting is a great blessing. After an intense day of labor, spending 20 minutes in the yard, watering the plants, trimming here and there, weeding, seeing how the harvest is ripening or having the joy of harvesting pumpkins, beans or whatever there is, it's a moment when the battery is charged again with renewed strength for the soul. After these moments in the yard, seek a quiet moment with God when the sun is setting. You'll enter the house again relaxed and refreshed!

And besides, it's a joy and a faith adventure to partner with God through an investment plan. While you're harvesting vegetables and fresh healthy fruits, you'll save money you'll otherwise would have used at the market, and you can put an offering in the investment plan that will help in preaching the gospel. Even if you have a small yard, you can invest the fruit tree or the pumpkin vine in God's plan.



Working with ADRA in Curaçao, a humanitarian agent of the Seventh Day Adventist church, planting has an additional value for me.

Just like when you are planting and you long to see the plants grow healthy and give fruit, care and tender attention is indispensable. So in an economical difficult time for many homes, you wish other people's well-being by giving them attention and help.

Think for a moment on a piece of forest (*uncultivated field*), on which amidst difficulties and challenges, you plant some fruit trees. As you clear the field and give the fruit trees attention, you'll discover slowly but surely a positive development.

In your thinking you can already imagine a big garden with big fruit trees where other generations can enjoy of its blessings, of its shade, and of its fruit.

Indeed, planting in our days is important and very much needed! The benefits for our happiness and physical, mental, and spiritual life are huge.

P.S.: I am grateful to God for my husband Pr. Michael Parris, who gave both me and our son Daniel a special love for planting.

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“THE MAGICAL POWERS OF A SEED”

Ever wondered why God created seeds?

The obvious answer would be to produce and reproduce. We are surrounded by seeds everyday, but have you consider that there is so much magic in a tiny seed. While dormant, still, silent, the seed speaks of unimaginable potential. The seed is the first—and last—step in the cycle of most plant life; they complete the circle of life.

Seeds can lay dormant for years, decades, and in some cases, centuries. Matthew 13:1-23 presents a famous story about the parable of the sower.

Rather than remaining at an illustration about agriculture, Jesus reveals that the sower came “to scatter the heavenly grain of truth.” (EGW, Christ’s Object Lessons, Chapter 2).

Growing a plant from seed is a magical experience. Through this process, a magical transformation takes place both in the persevering gardener and in the seed.

You nurture and support the seed, giving it rich soil, light, warmth, and water. The seed nurtures you, providing lessons, healing, and strength.

In the briefest of moments, the seed sprouts, sending tendrils up into the heavens and down into the earth, uniting the solar currents of the sun and the telluric currents of the earth.

For some fast-growing plants, you can literally see them growing early in their life cycle. This same process is mirrored within the soul of the grower, hope and life are born anew.





As the seed springs forth, its first two leaves are not “true leaves” but rather represent the seed’s first tender steps into a larger world. Once true leaves develop, the plant takes on the characteristics of its variety.

Like a human infant, springing forth it’s only the first step of the journey of growth and development.

Try sowing a few seeds. If you only have room for a few pots on a porch or a windowsill, you can still experience “the magic” and teachings of the humble seed. Starting with some herbs (*mint, oregano, or chives are all very easy to grow*) or growing some vegetables in containers.

You have heard the saying “laying down the ground work”. Well, we have to prepare ground, meaning the good soil. By doing that you have to check if the soil is too dry or needs nutrition, etc.

“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase” (1 Cor. 3:6-7).

The Bible talks about “good soil” it says “Then he took some of the seed of the land and planted it in a fertile field; He placed *it* by abundant waters” (Ezekiel 17:5).

Have a lifestyle of planting good seed into the good soil: preparing the soil in the fertile field, planting the seed, water, weeding and watch over it.

The Lord supplies “magical seed” to the sower. The question is, what are you going to do with the seed that the Lord provides for you? Are you going “to scatter the heavenly grain of truth” or are you going to let it sit there and collect “dust”?



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P-R-O-D-U-C-E

Give fruit through labor

By: Angelique Bartholomeus Sambo

I was raised on a farm. Planting was one of the means of income

I remember how my grandfather used to spend great part of the morning hours in the field. He'll rest a while close by the house, and in the afternoon he'll return to check on the harvest.

On his farm he had "small" corn, corn on the cob, beans, watermelon, pumpkin, "small" cucumber which he harvested nearly every day, sesame seeds and peanut. He had also soursop tree, papaya tree, banana tree and sugar cane. Together with my father they had produced a lot. They produced also coal, by covering the furnace. Very interesting!

I think the planting of peanut will be a beautiful example of production. There was a special section on the farm to plant peanut. You are not allowed with shoes on peanut-soil, as they refer to it, for it will "jam" the soil.

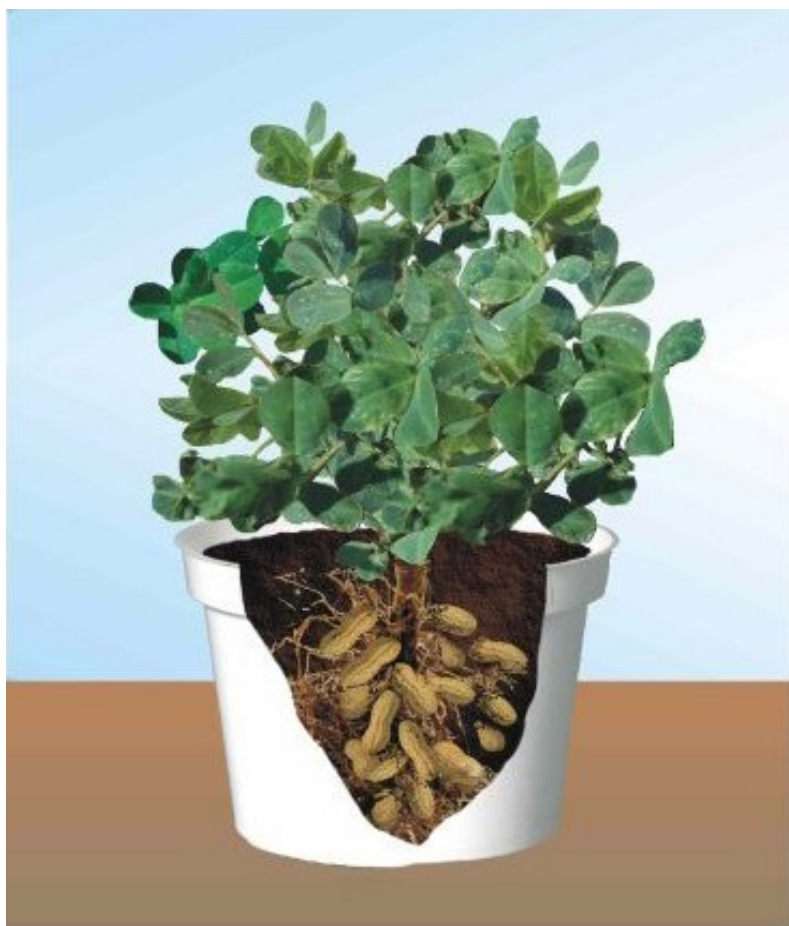
They prepare the soil to plant the peanut. Then in goes two dry peanut seeds, a distance from the other hole and with exactness they cover the seeds with the soil. Within more or less one week and a half you see the plants start to come up. We have to pay attention so the chickens don't pick out the seeds, and then the lizards and iguana's don't come and eat the leaves. Very soon you can see the flowers. You have to work the peanut. With that they mean you have to keep the soil around it loose and weed it so it does not hinder the process.

When the plant gets another shade of green colour, it is time to turn the peanut. Very carefully they take the "smaller" roots out of the soil, leaving the central principal root in. With patience they pick the peanuts from the smaller roots. From the two dry seeds we planted, we get twenty-five to fifty peanuts of two-two or three seeds in each pod. Then we cover the roots again with soil. And the miracle is that it produces once again more peanuts.

After a few days they take the whole plant out. Rain in season is very important for the production, otherwise they lose the seeds.

How peanuts grow





**The peanut seed
doesn't produce
pumpkin,
God's plan will
not change either!**

**Trust God's
providences.**

**He is in control,
and you,
continue producing!**

As ladies we all struggle to be the virtuous woman of Proverbs 31

We want to produce for our family, so the children and husband can recognize our efforts. Sometimes we are so weary with endless house chores, and the children and husband need their time too. Some women work eight hours to help cover expenses. We are involved also with church programs and don't forget evangelism, which is very essential. How can I produce also? I'm not the "miracle-woman!"

I want to remind you that even though you may feel as a dry seed, and you have nothing more to give, or the soil is too hard, because people or situations jammed it with their shoes, and our lives are far from what we planned it to be, remember, **GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE!** (Yeremiah 29:11).

Just like the dry peanut, we were made according to His plan. Although situations may whip us, and we don't understand what is happening, even if we have to leave our comfortable and known soil, His plan doesn't change.

We will always have a lot of fruit according to His plan (Psalms 92:14).

It doesn't matter how many times we have produced or not, God's marvel is that He'll do it again for us.

LADIES, let's produce the best fruit, each one according to God's plan for our lives.

Above all, let us aspire in producing the fruit of the Spirit with the taste of *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control*. (Galatians 5:22, 23).

May our good God multiply the production of each one of you!

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HEDGE

Some call it a fence. It is sometimes made out of stone, of cactus, of wire, of blocks, of metal. Some have it as a decoration, to beautify, others make it for privacy, others to protect their property. Farmers make a hedge also to protect what they have planted in the field and to protect the farm animals.

Some people use plants, or flowers to hedge a yard. And researching to know more about this subject, I got to know from this site [Benefits of a hedge \(hedgeplants.com\)](http://Benefits of a hedge (hedgeplants.com)) that a hedge of plants has particular benefits.

Some of these are:

- It is a green alternative to fencing.
- It absorbs carbon dioxide.
- They are a lot easier to maintain.
- They don't need preservatives applied every year to keep it looking smart.
- It is sound proofing.
- It filters out dust particles.
- Alongside busy roads it helps to cut down on traffic pollution.
- A hedge will also slow wind speed across an area by allowing some air to pass though it unlike a fence that forces all of the air up and over it which can cause damaging turbulence on the other side.
- Two recommended hedges are: *Prunus Rotun-difolia* and *Photinia Red Robin*.



Spiritual Hedge

Brethren, do we need a spiritual hedge? I am sure you said "Yes, of course, now more than ever before, because the days are evil and they will get worse."

Spiritually spoken, a hedge is God's wall of protection and blessing promised to all who believe in Him, who trust Him, and who walk with Him.

Some symbols used in the Bible and in the Spirit of Prophecy of God's protection and care of His people are:

- COL 287 (The Lord's Vineyard) *"They were hedged about by the precepts of His law, the everlasting principles of truth, justice, and purity. Obedience to these principles was to be their protection, for it would save them from destroying themselves by sinful practices."*
- Eze. 13:5 "wall"
- Job 1:8-11 "hedge"
- Zech. 2:5 "a wall of fire"
- Isa. 49:16 "inscribed on palms of hands"
- 1 Pe. 5:8 "faith"
- Eph. 6:11 "armor of God"
- Rev. 12:11 "blood of the Lamb"

"The saints overcame because of the victory of Calvary." (7BC 811)

If we want God's protection...

If we really want protection, God's "hedge" around us, we have to do our part, don't be ignorant, and don't let anybody flatter us and put ourselves in danger.

"If we venture on Satan's ground, we have no assurance of protection from his power. So far as in us lies, we should close every



avenue by which the tempter may find access to us." (MYP 70)

"Those who would not fall prey to Satan's devices, must guard well the avenues of the soul; they must avoid reading, seeing, or hearing that which will suggest impure thoughts. The mind must not be left to dwell at random upon every subject that the enemy of souls may suggest. The heart must be faithfully sentineled, or evils without will awaken evils within, and the soul will wander in darkness." (AA 518; 1 Peter 4:7; 5:8-10).

Thank God the Bible is full of blessed words of comfort, of strength and hope to let us know we are not alone. God is with us through His powerful holy angels and through His all powerful Holy Spirit.

Promises of Protection

Gen. 28:15 "I'm with you...I will protect you."

Exo. 14:13 "Don't be afraid!"

Ps. 16:8 "at my right hand, will not be shaken."

Ps. 18:2, 3 "My rock, fortress, deliverer."

Ps. 23:4 "through valley of death, I fear no evil, for Thou art with me."

Ps. 32:7 "My hiding place... preserve me from trouble."

Ps. 34:6, 7 "The Lord heard and saved... The Angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him."

Ps. 46:1 "our refuge and strength...a very present help in trouble."

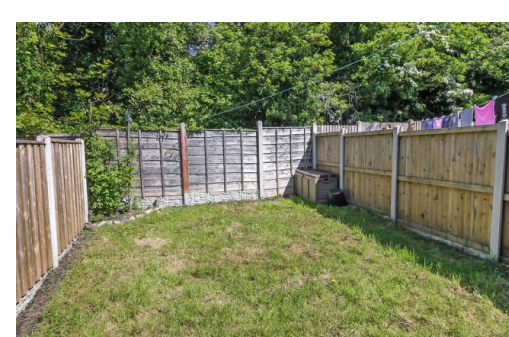
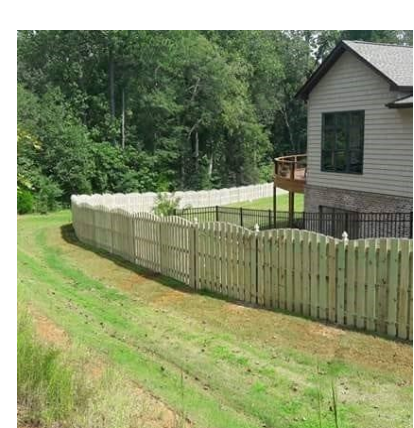
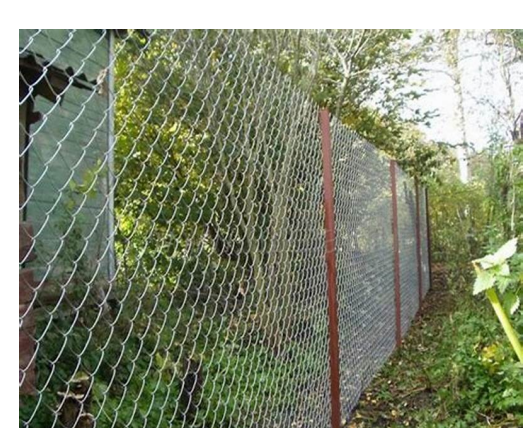
Other promises to ponder upon:

Ps. 91:1, 2, 10-12; 121:8; 138:7; Prov. 18:10; Isa. 41:10; 43:1-3; 54:17; Jn. 10:28, 29; 2 Thes. 3:3; Heb. 13:5b, 6.

God's Word

"It is only as Christians follow Christ's example, filling their memory with God's precious Word and following its counsel, that they can gain the victory over self and sin." (7BC 641; 1 Jn. 2:15).

"The way of the sluggard is as a hedge of thorns, But the path of the upright is a highway." (Proverbs 15:19).





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Sowing in Faith ¹

Of the almost innumerable lessons taught in the varied processes of growth, some of the most precious are conveyed in the Saviour's parable of the growing seed. It has lessons for old and young.

“So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; and should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.” Mark 4:26-28.

The seed has in itself a germinating principle, a principle that God Himself has implanted; yet if left to itself the seed would have no power to spring up. Man has his part to act in promoting the growth of the grain; but there is a point beyond which he can accomplish nothing. He must depend upon One, who has connected the sowing and the reaping by wonderful links of His own omnipotent power.

There is life in the seed, there is power in the soil; but unless infinite power is exercised day and night, the seed will yield no return. The showers of rain must refresh the thirsty fields; the sun must impart warmth; electricity must be conveyed to the buried seed. The life which the Creator has implanted, He alone can call forth. Every seed grows, every plant develops, by the power of God.

Spiritual Sowing ¹

As in the natural, so in the spiritual sowing; the power that alone can produce life is from God.

The work of the sower is a work of faith. The mystery of the germination and growth of the seed he cannot understand; but he has confidence in the agencies by which God causes vegetation to flourish. He casts away the seed, expecting to gather it manyfold in an abundant harvest.

**So parents and teachers
are to labor, expecting
a harvest from
the seed they sow**

For a time the good seed may lie unnoticed in the heart, giving no evidence that it has taken root; but afterward, as the Spirit of God breathes on the soul, the hidden seed springs up, and at last brings forth fruit. In our lifework we know not which shall prosper, this or that. This question it is not for us to settle. “In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand.” Ecclesiastes 11:6. God's great covenant declares that “While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest... Shall not cease.” Genesis 8:22.

In the confidence of this promise the husbandman tills and sows. Not less confidently are we, in the spiritual sowing, to labor, trusting his assurance: “*So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*” “*He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.*” Isaiah 55:11; Psalms 126:6.



Germination ¹

The germination of the seed represents the beginning of spiritual life, and the development of the plant is a figure of the development of character. There can be no life without growth. The plant must either grow or die. As its growth is silent and imperceptible, but continuous, so is the growth of character. At every stage of development our life may be perfect; yet if God's purpose for us is fulfilled, there will be constant advancement.

The plant grows by receiving that which God has provided to sustain its life. So spiritual growth is attained through cooperation with divine agencies. As the plant takes root in the soil, so we are to take root in Christ. As the plant receives the sunshine, the dew, and the rain, so are we to receive the Holy Spirit...

Step by step ²

Author Joan Webb says: "When our children were born, my husband and I lovingly cared for them daily. We held them close, rocked them to sleep and fed them. As they were able, we encouraged them to learn to walk, dress themselves and communicate. We watched excitedly as they grew.

Likewise, our heavenly Father is actively involved in our growth; He encourages us according to our capabilities and understanding at the time. He does not push us; He waits until we are ready. If God told us everything about ourselves and life all at once, we would be confused and crushed. Instead He teaches us based on our spiritual and emotional age level.

God's gentle unfolding plan increases our insight and encourages our consistent growth. (Isaiah 40:11; Matthew 7:9-11; Luke 15:11-32).

Which parent doesn't want the best for their children and grandchildren that they love?

Good Roots ²

Author Marjorie Holmes, herself as a mother of children, got the inspiration to write this prayer:

"Help me to give my children good roots, God. As I work with my plants I can see that the sturdiest, and those which bear most freely, are those whose roots go deep, gripping rich soil; they have a base from which they can grow tall and beautiful and sound. Let this household furnish that kind of soil for my family, God. Enriched with good music, good books, good talk, good taste. But above all, goodness of spirit. Goodness of action. So that those who come here feel welcome, and those who leave here feel warm. And those who live here know, in every fiber of their beings, that they belong to people who, for all our faults, are good people. People of decency and honor, who would not willingly hurt or cheat any living thing. Let my children grow freely, God, in whatever direction their nature directs. But give them root strength too. So that they will never deviate too far from their own beginnings. Help me to give my children good roots." (Psalms 1:1-3; Ephesians 6:1-4; 1 Timothy 2:1-4).

¹ E.G.White, Education, p. 104-106

² Women's Devotional Bible, NIV, p. 665, 847

PLANTING IN A SMALL SPACE

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Small gardens have seen big growth in recent years. From rooftop gardens to urban homesteads, people are taking back the control of their food supply by planting vegetable gardens in front yards, backyards, patios and anywhere else they have a little space – even kitchen counters.

HERE ARE TEN TIPS TO CONSIDER

1. Use edible landscaping.
2. Invite pollinators.
There are others, but we will name bees, butterflies and also the wind.
3. Create more growing areas.
You can grow more on a mound than you can on flat land, so build a mound or elevated spiral to create more planting surface to increase your small garden yield.
4. Fertilize. If you are gardening in small spaces you'll have to pay extra attention to your soil's nutritional needs. Plants deplete the nutrients at a quicker rate with small gardening than large scale. Add organic compost. Rotate crops by not planting the same type of plant in the same spots each year. Healthy plants provide better nutrition and can resist pest and disease.



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5. Choose fruits and vegetables that give you the best yield in a small space.
 6. Plant in the space you have.

7. Vertical gardening– When you can't grow out— grow up.
8. Use dwarf fruiting trees.
9. Use companion planting. A perfect example of this gardening style is known as the Three Sisters. It's planting corn, squash, and beans together. The three crops benefit from each other, the corn provides a trellis for the beans to climb, the beans provide nitrogen for the corn and squash, and the squash helps prevent weeds from growing by blocking sunlight to the soil and creates a microclimate which aids at retaining water.
10. Plant indoors or in the porch.

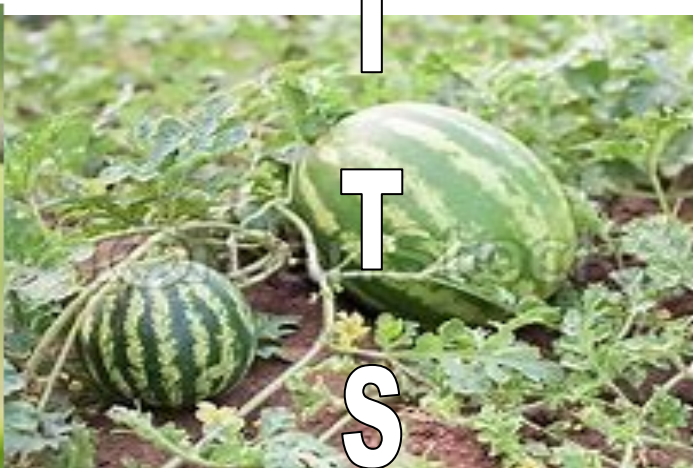
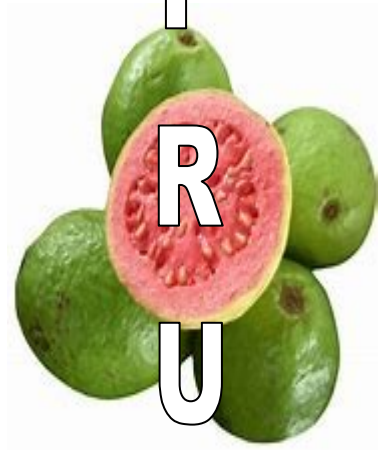
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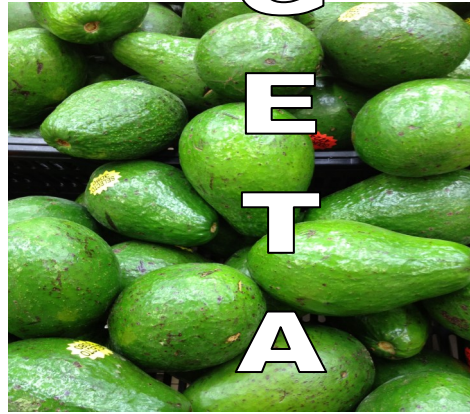
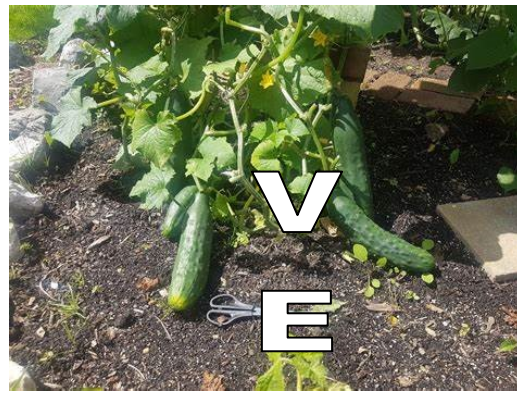
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Success with your planting!



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MISCELLANEOUS:

PLANTING ORGANISATIONS IN CURACAO:

- Fundashon Tera Awa Simia Banda Bou — Barber 81.
<https://www.facebook.com/FundashonTAS?fref=ts>
- “BAN PLANTA”
<https://banplanta.wordpress.com/tag/plantamentu/>
- A.K.V. — Seru Loraweg
<https://www.facebook.com/Agrarische-ko%C3%B6peratieve-verenigingAKV-248769371867094/>
- SOLTUNA



MORE INFORMATION ON INTERNET:

- How to plant in pots: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_qgvprs25A
<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=how+to+plant+food+in+small+gardens&&view=detail&mid=7C7910DAB79D204B42E47C7910DA79D204B42E4&&FORM=VDRVRV>
- Plant tomato in pots. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eySTo2GgvoY>
- Plant food in a small garden:
<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=how+to+plant+food+in+small+gardens&docid=607988887816570908&mid=C0E5DF8FA143C33F3E38C0E5DF8FA143C33F3E38&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>
- How to prepare self-watering tubs:
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OTHER TIPS IN PLANTING:

- Miracle of baking soda in planting:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ih6w1P7x3AY>
- Tips in cooking and how to use egg shells for planting:
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YkqDE4ZPTHM>
- Plant in plastic bags:
<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=how+to+plant+food+in+plastic+bags&ru=%2fvideos%2fsearch%3fq%3dhow%2520to%2520plant%2520food%2520in%2520plastic%2520bags%26qs%3dn%26form%3dQBVR%26sp%3d-1%26pq%3dhow%2520to%2520plant%2520food%2520in%2520plastic%2520bags%26sc%3d0-33%26sk%3d%26cvid%3d1D2F071D60BF49919ACD2F27D6E86442&view=detail&mid=B47CFF7A39894E1B75A0B47CF7A39894E1B75A0&&FORM=VDRVRV>
- * Plant in foam containers:
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P-A-R-A-S-I-T-E-S

SOME COMMON PARASITES



Whitefly



Tomato Hornworm



Cucumber beetle



Tarnished plant bug



Stink bug



Corn earworm



Squash bug



Squash vine borer



Carrot rust fly



Slugs



Mexican bean beetle



Cabbageworm



Japanese beetle



Harlequin bug



Cabbage root maggot



Flea beetle



Cutworm



Blister beetle



Asparagus beetle



Armyworm



Aphid

An organism that lives in or on an organism of another species (*its host*) and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense and so it multiplies. It doesn't kill the host, otherwise it's called parasitoid.

What are the symptoms of parasites?

Many parasites can affect humans. They put their eggs in the soil and the larva penetrates the skin. Early symptoms are swelling of the skin and itching.

While it must be noted that parasites are not a disease, you must also bear in mind that they can spread infections and diseases on humans and animals. Different parasites have unique effects on their hosts.

Three major types of parasites

- Protozoa: Single-celled organism. It is only possible to multiply or divide, within the host.
- Helminths: This is another category. They are worm parasites. They cause schistosomiasis, pinworm, roundworm, fluke, trichina spiralis, and tapeworm.
- Ectoparasites: These types of parasites live on, instead of inside their hosts. They include fleas and lice.

Symptoms

Sometimes the symptoms caused by the presence of parasites may look like those of other conditions, such as pneumonia, hormone deficiency, or food poisoning.

Symptoms that we can see includes:

- Increased appetite, weight loss, or both
- Skin bumps or rashes
- Abdominal pain, diarrhea, vomiting
- Anemia
- Sleeping problems
- Allergies, fever
- Aches and pains
- Weakness and generally feeling sick

However, it is difficult to predict the symptoms caused by the presence of parasites because they can pass on a wide variety of conditions.

Often, there are no symptoms in manifestation, or they may appear long after infection. But even with the absence of physical symptoms, the parasite can still be transmitted to an uninfected person, who may then develop symptoms.

If you want to know more, check the two sites at the end of the article.



PARASITES INVADE A HOST AND LIVE THERE. They start to grow and steal nutrients from the host. It causes malnutrition and sickness. The majority don't kill their host for they need them to survive.

But there is a type of parasite that when it matures it kills the host dead dead!

That's what SIN does in our lives. It invades our life, it steals nutrients, it gives evil thoughts and makes us live bad, and at the long run it causes our eternal death (James 1:13, 15).

Some of these parasites can be:

- Our job
- Pornography
- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Cigarettes
- Masturbation
- Gambling
- Witchcraft films
- Violence films
- Infidelity films
- Wordly music
- Soap operas

LET'S TAKE A LOOK NOW when a person is called or is considered a parasite. Which are the characteristics? Maybe we have one or some of them without knowing it? (Proverbs 30:15)

It's a person that habitually
relies on or exploits others
and gives nothing in return.
Generally they are very selfish
and live off other people.

But he/ she can show also some of these other traits like the acronym of the word shows:

P = Problematic
A = Antipathetic
R = Rancorous
A = Attacker
S = Sarcastic
I = Irresponsible
T = Traitor
E = Egocentric



MESSAGES TO YOUNG PEOPLE:

- Sin becomes pleasant by indulgence of impure thoughts (p. 282).
- Familiarity with sin blinds the mind for its enormity (p. 389).
- May be consummated in the mind (p. 76, 430).
- Means dishonor and disaster (p. 70).
- True Christian loses relish for sin (p. 338).

PROMISES AND ADVICE:

1 Cor. 10:13 "No temptation has overtaken you..."
Eph. 5:18 "Do not get drunk.. but be filled with the Spirit."
Gal. 5:16, 17 "...not carry out the desire of the flesh"
Jam. 1:13-15 "Let no one say when he is tempted..."
Jam. 4:7 "Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil..."
Jud. 24, 25 "Him who is able to keep you from stumbling..
Matt. 5:30 "If your right hand makes you stumble..."
Ps. 119:11 "Thy Word I have treasured in my heart..."
Ps. 119:37 "Turn away my eyes from looking at vanity..."

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