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He rescued me because He delighted in me. Ps 18:19b

THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *I passed by the field of the sluggard, and by the vineyard of the man lacking sense (heart); and behold, it was completely overgrown with thistles, its surface was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. Prov 24:30,31*

Prepared, Plowed, and Planted

A common thread throughout the Scriptures is our lives being compared to farming and gardening. One of the aspects of this theme is found in the Proverbs passage above. This one, however, describes a field that has not been cared for properly.

Four key words hold my attention when I read these verses. First is the sluggard, a lazy mooch who sponges off others' work and wealth. Second is this same man lacking sense or heart with no drive or desire, and is unprepared to care for even himself, much less his field. Then there are the words illustrating the consequences for his lack of preparedness: the thistles which have overgrown his field due to his lazy lack of attention, and nettles which can grow up to six feet tall and can deliver a severe and irritating sting to the body if not carefully removed and discarded.

I see in these verses a glaring resemblance to our lives/souls when we do not steward them to the glory of the Lord, "...seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence." 2 Pet. 1:3 Just as there are tools used in preparing a field, clearing it, plowing it, sowing and watering and harvesting, so are there tools we have been given to prepare and enable us to bear good fruit; tools such as prayer, the Scriptures, the fellowship of the believers, the Holy Spirit with His fruit and gifts, divine appointments, and divine assignments.

The final result of the sluggard's refusal to attend to his field is its stone wall has been broken down. It may be due to his lack of attention, or perhaps an enemy has destroyed it. The verse doesn't say, but in either case it is no longer serving the function for which it was created. And we know that our enemy the devil comes to steal, kill and destroy Father's own. Even walls once used to fortify can be rebuilt.

In closing, I am quoting from Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary on these verses, "See what a blessing the husbandman's calling is, and what a wilderness this earth would be without it. See what great difference there is in the management even of worldly affairs. Sloth and self-indulgence are the bane of all good. When we see fields overgrown with thorns and thistles, and the fences broken down, we see an emblem of the far more deplorable state of many souls. Every vile affection grows in men's hearts; yet they compose themselves to sleep. Let us show wisdom by doubling our diligence in every good thing."

Responses From You

From a brother in the Northwest: That's good stuff! I believe it and I think this year will see revolutionary change in our world from it!

From a sister in Australia: Great newsletter Daniel. After every testimony, every life touched by the power of God, is a life changed. Thank you for being so willing to tell others of God transformation power.

Upcoming Ministry Meetings

Overcomers Group: Thurs, March 27, 2025; Thurs, April 10, 2025; Thurs, April 24, 2025

Upcoming Ministry Events

Pastor William Vittitow's Rooted in Faith Podcast (Part 3) March 24, 2025

Church of the Savior in Nicholasville, KY: Ministry Presentation to Staff, March 26, 2025

Sexual Integrity Leadership Summit: Portland, OR May 1-2, 2025 Exhibiting Abba's Delight

Freedom March Wknd Portland, OR, 8/21-24/25 Saturday March @ Tom McCall Waterfront Pk.

Ongoing Prayer Requests

New Participants for Overcomers Group and new online lay-counselors • Ministry Finances • Open doors to churches, so pastor and staff can be effectively equipped • Those currently being served by Abba's Delight ministry's Overcomers group and online lay-counselors • Continued freedom to operate ministry in KY. Continued speaking engagements

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Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25