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THE HOUSE OF GOD



Jeremiah 17:8, Psalm 92:13-1

I have a deep love for the house of God. All my life, I've dedicated myself to His house where I found my Savior, the Healer of my broken heart. When no one else could help me, God did. I went to my Father's house, and there was a place for me. Just like David said, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" (Psalm 122:1) He also said, "For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness." (Psalm 84:10)

Something supernatural occurs when you dedicate a building to God-where the family of God can lift up holy hands and worship. A supernatural phenomenon takes place in the atmosphere. My whole life I have been planted in two churches. The first one was when I first got saved and I was in a recovery home. I was there 10 years until God called me to start Freedom City Church. I learned early on the importance of being planted and staying loyal where God has called you.

PLANTED IN GOD'S HOUSE

"Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God." (Psalm 92:13) When we are planted in God's house, we are allowing God to use our gifts and talents. His house is where we will flourish and thrive, and all things will go well in all areas of our life. If we are not planted in God's house, we can begin to drift and go backwards in our faith walk.

"God makes a home for the lonely; He leads out the prisoners into prosperity, only the rebellious live in parched lands." (Psalm 68:6) God wants us planted in a church we can call home. The house of God is a place where chains are broken, and our lives are restored. We may come to God lonely, impoverished, broken, depressed, or oppressed but God has a place for us in His house. In His house we find freedom, we prosper, we have joy, and we are delivered.



PLANTED TO FLOURISH



Think about a tree. In order for it to grow and become strong, it must be planted in one place. It does not uproot and move from one location to the next. You don't put a tree in the ground then pull it out after a year and expect it to be healthy. You need to leave it in one place for a long time so it can produce the way it was meant to.

To grow and be spiritually healthy, we should strive to be firmly rooted in the church to which God has called us. Often, people resist staying in one place for several reasons: not wanting to submit or be under authority, resist receiving guidance from others, etc. However, this attitude can hinder our prosperity.

When we are firmly planted, we have leaders in our lives who help identify our blind spots. We all have blind spots, which is why I have pastors and leaders in my life. They assist me in recognizing those areas where I may not see clearly. Even though I receive guidance from God, I acknowledge, I too have blind spots. I never want to miss out on such valuable support.

We need to break free from an independent spirit. Until we break free from it, we won't be able to assemble an effective army, be in a position to lead, or be able to conquer the obstacles the enemy places before us.

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!" (Malachi 3:10)

We will be blessed in every area of our lives when we are planted in the house of God. God's word does not lie and He is not like man. He doesn't say one thing then changes His mind. He is faithful, reliable, and dependable.

"I will bless my people and their homes around my holy hill. And in the proper season, I will send the showers they need. There will be showers of blessing." (Ezekiel 34:26)

Wherever a church is planted, it brings blessings to the community around it. That's why I encourage families from the church to acquire property around it. Blessings not only come to church but also to the entire city that embraces it.

God can use both you and I to shower blessings upon others and we can become a source of blessing. Aspire to be like a river of God. Do you need healing? Receive it from God. Do you need a breakthrough or a miracle? What do you need? Those who are planted in the house of God shall THRIVE. We become a shower of joy, victory, and faith.

We should pursue God, establish ourselves within His house, and obey God to the best of our ability. Watch as God, year after year, elevates you from one level to the next. From faith to faith, and glory to glory. God has promised to make all the places around His house a blessing. He will send abundant showers of blessing and divine favor. The same blessing that is on the house of God is on your house, too!

Step into divine favor. I believe we will acquire new properties, experience promotions, and see doors opening in our lives. Don't get discouraged when a door shuts; instead, trust that a better one is opening.