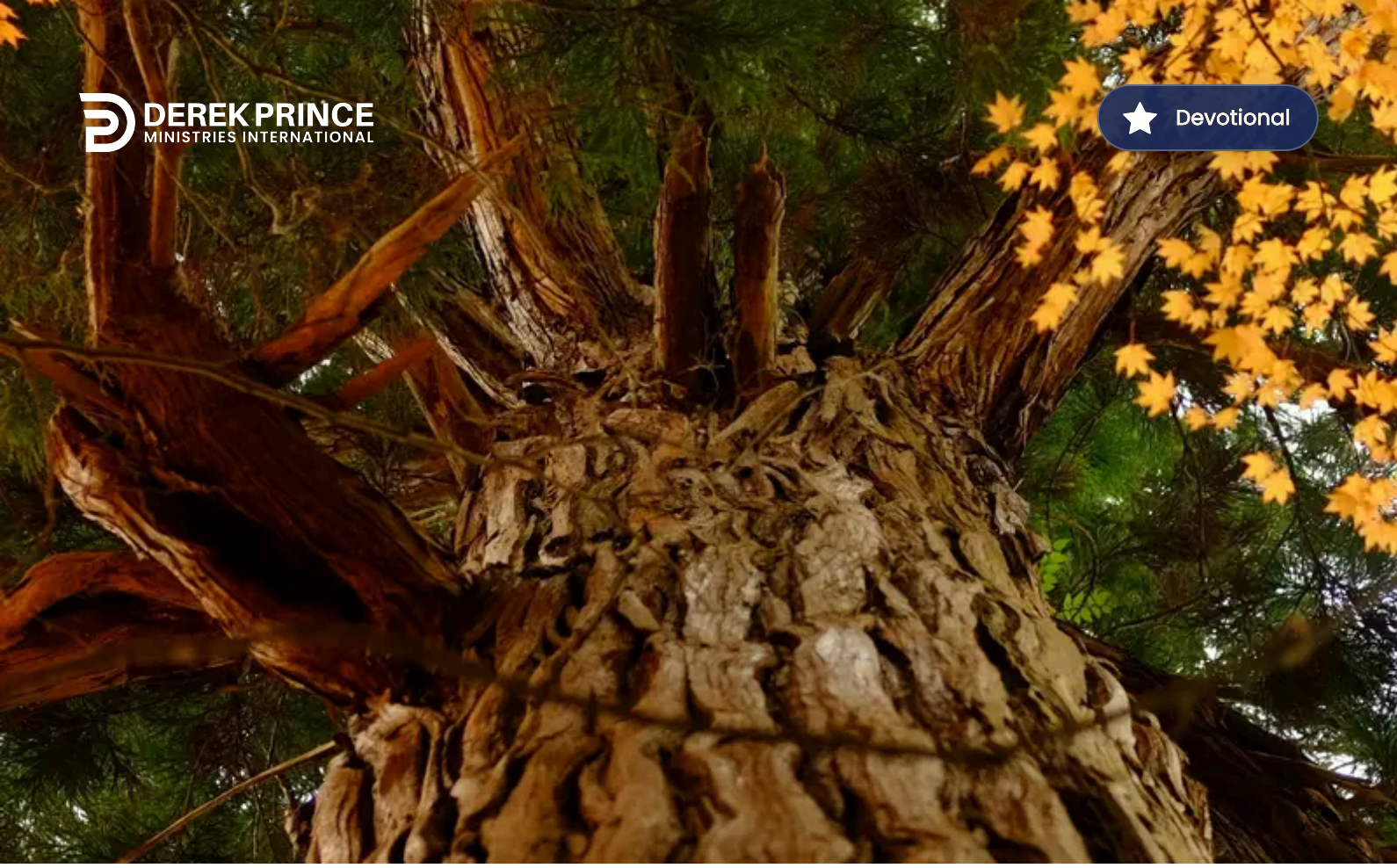


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Devotional

Planted in God's House



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> The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,
> they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;
> planted in the house of the LORD,
> they will flourish in the courts of our God.
> They will still bear fruit in old age,
> they will stay fresh and green,
> proclaiming, "The LORD is upright;
> he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."
> (Psalm 92:12–15)

The life of a truly righteous man is here compared to two trees: a palm tree and a cedar. The essence of the palm tree is that it grows tall and upright, and its fruit is formed like a crown in the top of the tree. The longer it lives, the higher it grows and the more impressive its fruit becomes. The cedar, on the other hand, is the king of all trees, the most magnificent, the most majestic. Such is a righteous man in his maturity.

Both these pictures of righteousness, however, apply only to those who are "planted in the house of the LORD." The word *planted* is important. It speaks of enduring commitment. Someone has popularized the prayer: *Lord, help me to bloom where I am planted.*

Unfortunately, some Christians are never willing to be planted anywhere. They are always busy but never truly committed. They never put down roots, so they never bring forth fruit. Only those willing to be planted will bear enduring fruit. These are the ones who continue to bear fruit in old age. They become a visible testimony to God's faithfulness. Their very lives proclaim, "The LORD is upright . . . and there is no wickedness in him."

If you want to understand the nature of the LORD, look at the life of a righteous man in his maturity, and you will see the LORD's faithfulness mirrored there.

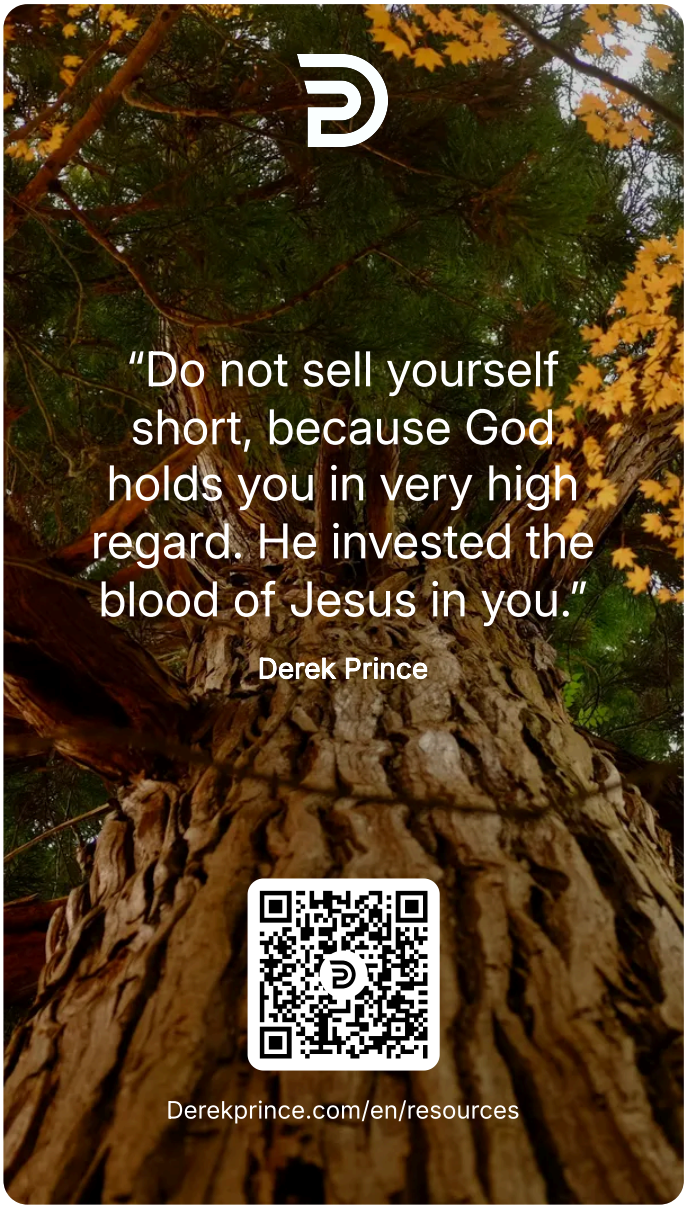
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