

Daily Devotion For March 15, 2021

“The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.” Genesis 2:15

With the arrival of spring, the subject of gardening is sprouting up everywhere. The cultivation and care for living, growing things is grounded deeply in the soul of who we are as created beings in God’s garden.

In the beginning God planted us human beings in his perfect garden, the Garden of Eden. Previous verses from the creation story make clear that God is the original gardener. He created the vegetation—seed-bearing plants, trees that have fruit with seeds, shrubs, and all kinds of trees. From the beginning, God intended this first garden to produce food for all kinds of creatures and humankind year after year.

Genesis 2:15 shows that God planted people in that first garden “to work it and take care of it.” This suits us because we are from God created in his image to be like him. We might even say that gardening, working and caring for growing things is in our bones. Cultivating the gifts of God for the glory of God is what we are meant for.

Thought For Today: Gardening involves cultivating, planting, watering, pruning, protecting, harvesting, and much more. When you are drawn to the world of soil, plants, and trees, it is no coincidence. You were designed to care for the earth, other creatures, and each other. That is being a good steward of God’s creation.

Today’s Prayer Focus: Take time to thank God that He planted us in His Garden, to work and care for. May we now bear fruit for His Kingdom. Take time to read the updated prayer fuel and select a few topics to pray. Deo Volente.