

Sherry's garden stories

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God's perfect timing

"He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf shall not wither; and whatsoever he does shall prosper"

Psalm 1:3

Sometimes in life it seems that we are continuously waiting; waiting for healing, waiting for prosperity, waiting for God to move on our children, waiting for everyone else to have a heart change.

God is always working on our behalf, all the time. Sometimes we see the work, but most of the time we don't. Life is given by God and should be cherished. Each day and we should be thankful for our life and for all that God is doing. Sometimes we are in a situation that seems as if God has forgotten us, but he hasn't. God is allowing us to learn about ourselves as well as learning about faith and trust in him in these situations.

He sets the clock each day for us to learn about him. Waiting on God sometimes seems really hard, but waiting is a process in which you learn about yourself and you learn about his perfect timing. I have heard many times about a person being delayed only to find out that if they had not been delayed they would have been in a in an accident. Also, delayed timing has prevented many from making wrong choices that could have caused tragedy in their lives. God always has the whole picture of life. We have to trust him that his timetable is perfect. Of our job is to trust and have faith.

(Psalm 62:5)

"My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him"

When we trust God in our waiting, our faith builds and we become strong. If God can create a plant that bloom's open the exact same time every day, he can cause you're life to be perfectly timed in all things.

The 4 o'clock plant (Mirabilis)

We're going to look at the 4 o'clock plant. This plant's blooms open at 4:00 PM every afternoon. It is called the Mirabilis or "Four o'clock" plant.

These plants have a sweet fragrance. They are trumpet shaped and bloom in summer. The blooms open in the afternoon at 4:00 PM. In the south they are bushy and they sprout from large tuberous roots in the spring. They also sow black seeds in the fall.

My grandmother had 4 o'clock plants named Marvel of Peru. They were huge shrubs. She let the seeds fall to the ground in the fall and covered them with soil and leaves. They came back every year. Sometimes I gathered seeds and took them home to plant in my yard in the spring.

The bush always seemed to thrive. The colors were magenta and salmon sunset. We had Baywatch that were a beautiful Yellow. They do well in partial sun. They like lots of water in summer.

The seeds are poisonous if ingested. Keep pets away if they have a habit of eating seeds. My grandmother planted these along a fence and in an old well that had dried up. These were beautiful shrubs that bloomed all summer until the first frost. I planted them next to my potting shed. They had morning sun and afternoon shade. They flourished and never missed their 4 o'clock opening.

God's timing is perfect in the earth and perfect in our lives. Trust His timing.