

GO GREEN!

Psa 52:8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever.

Psa 52:9 I will give thanks to You forever, because You have done it; and in the presence of Your saints I will wait upon Your name, for it is good.

These verses are loaded with gems. First we as believers are likened to a green tree. A green tree in the Bible stands for health, supply, and abundance. In Christ we have health, supply, and abundance. God declares that we are like a green tree but not just **any** green tree. We are told we will be a green **OLIVE** tree. The olive tree is the source of olive oil. Olive oil throughout the Bible stands for the presence of the Holy Spirit. It is the presence of the Holy Spirit which brings greenness to us. Many Christians look like they are dried up on the vine. This is because they are not trusting in God's Word or drawing upon the Spirit of God. We draw upon the Spirit of God by believing, speaking, and acting on God's Word. Praying in tongues is another major way we draw from the Spirit of God. **Another great way we stay green in our Christian life is by trusting in God's mercy.** We are called to walk in faith in every area of our life, but I don't know about you, but I fail to do this all the time. There are times where I do not trust God like I should. There are times I miss it in my faith walk. Sometimes, I don't even know where I am missing it! In times like this God has gives us His mercy! Mercy is given when you have missed it, blown it, and have not done it right. Mercy is given when we are in our weakest. When I find my faith not grabbing a hold of what God has for me, **I turn my faith to God's mercy which grabs hold of me!** If I am having trouble laying a hold of God's promises, my faith can always seem to lay a hold of God's mercy. I trust in God's mercy to me, because it is not based upon me, but it is based upon God's nature of mercy. When you understand mercy is for when you have not done it right, you know it is always available to you. If you are having trouble receiving healing, provision, or victory in a certain area, lift your heart up to your father and say, "Father have mercy on me! Help me in my weaknesses! I trust in your mercy!" God's mercy will not fail you dear Christian.

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

God is always ready to dispense to you His mercy. When you faith is the lowest, it will be strengthened in the presence of His mercy! Once you obtain His mercy then He will strengthen you with sufficient grace to see

you through to victory. Start with receiving His mercy and He will provide you with His grace! We are to trust in His mercy forever and forever. His mercy endureth forever! Praise God! God's mercy will never let you down!

Next we see what else will keep us green. It is learning to be thankful always. We are to give thanks to God forever! We can thank God forever because God's mercy is forever! Hallelujah! Another thing that helps us be thankful is the fact that whatever you need done in your life, God **HAS ALREADY DONE IT!** Our text before us says **"I will give thanks to You forever, because you have done it!"** Thanksgiving is all that is left when someone has already done something for you. Many beg God to do this and do that for them. However, God the Father and Jesus are seated in Heaven! They have finished their work. God has planned redemption and the Son of God has accomplished it. The Holy Spirit is at work today revealing the plan to us. Ask the Holy Spirit of God to reveal to your heart and mind what has already been done and provided for you. Ask for a spirit of wisdom and revelation to be given to you to see what God has DONE for you! Then you can truly praise and thank God which is the highest release of faith there is!

The next thing that will keep you a green Christian is staying in the presence and fellowship of other believers. We are green olive trees in **THE HOUSE OF GOD**. Our text tells us that we should be in the presence of His saints. If you are low right now on oil call a good brother or sister in the Lord and share with them what is going on in your life. Do not just receive from them but minister to them as well. God has provided other Christians for you which are able to deposit oil into us when we get low! One of Satan's tactics in these last days is to separate believers from one another. That is why in the Book of Hebrews we see the admonition to not forsake the assembling of one another. [**Hebrews 10:25**] As Christians we need to be at church with other believers. This is the place where we receive the anointed Word from God and get a fresh supply of oil to keep us green. If you have slipped out of going to church, slip back in my friend! The oil is flowing! Come and get some!

Next, we are to wait upon God. We need to take time out of our crazy busy lives and just quiet ourselves down and be silent before God and wait upon Him. Instead of ordering Him around try waiting on Him! Find out what is on His heart and on His agenda for you! If we will but spend time in His presence we cannot fail to receive the oil to stay green!

Lastly, you must always keep in mind **NO MATTER** what you see, feel, experience, or hear- that God **IS GOOD! He is good all the time!** Never let that slip. If something is bad in your life, it is not from God. God may have allowed something to come into your life but He has provided a way of victory for you in each situation you face. He will never allow you to face something you are not able to face victoriously with His mercy and grace! [**1 Cor. 10:13**] God is a good God and He has only good things planned for you! He wants you to stay green no matter what is happening on Wall Street or what is coming against you on the street!

Say on a regular basis that "**God is good and He is doing good things to me, for me, and in me right now**". He is working all things to your good right now! [**Romans 8:28**] Meditate on these points: Draw upon the Spirit of God, trust in God's mercy, stay thankful, in each situation seek to understand what has already been done by God for you, stay in church and in fellowship with other believers, and never forget God is GOOD all the time! It is time to go green!