

2017 - FLOURISH

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1. a) **Psa 115:14 (NIV)** [*Theme 2017 PPT*]

¹⁴ *May the LORD cause you to flourish, both you and your children.*

[*Promise and hope PPT*]

[*Pursue and press in PPT*]

b) Flourish

- Health and vigour
- More productive
- Make steady progress [*2017 – The faithful shall flourish PPT*]
- Advance

c) Isa 61:3c (NET)

They will be called oaks of righteousness, trees planted by the LORD to reveal his splendor.

2. How To Become A Flourishing Tree

➔ Prov 24:30-31 (NET)

³⁰ *I passed by the field of a sluggard, by the vineyard of one who lacks wisdom. ³¹ I saw that thorns had grown up all over it, the ground was covered with weeds, and its stone wall was broken down.*

a) Remove

- Spiritual weeds – Attitudes / Actions
- Individual and corporate

b) Re-cultivate

- Jer 6:16 (NET)

¹⁶ The LORD said to his people:

“You are standing at the crossroads. So consider your path.

Ask where the old, reliable paths are.

Ask where the path is that leads to blessing and follow it.

If you do, you will find rest for your souls.”

But they said, “We will not follow it!”

- Personal growth
- Community – Heb 10:24-25 (TLB)

²⁴ In response to all he has done for us, let us outdo each other in being helpful and kind to each other and in doing good.

²⁵ Let us not neglect our church meetings, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near.

- Reach out