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WEED KILLER

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I'm sure you have seen how weeds grow in a lawn. They even grow in sidewalk cracks. Your flowerbed can become overtaken by weeds. They are very resilient and persistent. Walk through Loews or Home Depot in the lawn care area and you will see many varieties of weed killer. Maintaining a beautiful lawn or flowerbed takes work and part of the care includes killing the weeds. They grow so quickly one's lawn or flowerbed can be dominated by them if it's not kept under control. Whether one hand plucks them or sprays them, it's a never ending battling because the weeds will come back. The weed seeds are blown into the atmosphere and grow where they land. Anyone dedicated to maintaining their lawn and/or flowerbed is committed to killing weeds.

When we received salvation the word indicates God give us a new heart that He can work with to maintain the beauty of holiness. The weeds of sin are daily blown into the atmosphere and we are impacted by it. Some people believe that as we age we are less influenced by sin and therefore see being born again more suitable for the older adult. Sin is not age conscience but lust driven. Lust is not only related to sexual immorality, it is related to our desires that can lead us away from the perfect will of God which is to perfect us in Him. Sin just like weeds is persistent to grow and resistant to being eliminated. Just as weeds are consistently extracted from one's lawn/flower bed, sin must be consistently extracted from our heart (mind).

The mind weed killer is the Holy Ghost. We have the Spirit of the living God in us, the Holy Ghost, to lead and guide us to all truth. We should praise God when His Spirit sends off the weed killer alert so we can resist the evil that aims to bring destruction in our lives. As long as we remain alive, the weed killer, The Holy Ghost, will prompt us it's time for weed elimination in our mind. If we allow the evil to be destroyed in the mind it can prevent us from fulfilling the deed.

We should never be embarrassed when He reveals weeds in our heart but rejoice to know that through Jesus Christ we are not a slave to sin and equipped to win the battle for His name sake. Romans 6:22 (Message Bible) says, "But now that you've found you don't have to listen to sin tell you what to do, and have discovered the delight of listening to God telling you, what a surprise! A whole, healed, put-together life right now, with more of life on the way!"

We pay gardeners to keep our landscaping weed free so everything looks beautiful. Well, Jesus paid it all at the cross so the landscaping of our heart can be free from sin and in turn gives us life and that more abundantly. Let's really enjoy the privilege we have with the Holy Ghost as the weed killer in our heart so our lives testify to the saving grace of our Lord!

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