

YOU ARE THE BED OF ROSES

Rose has aroma/scents.

Today, we are reminded that we are the bed of roses. There is something about a “bed of roses” instead of single rose.

1. Components of roses smell on their own, but you wouldn't associate these scents with a rose, some could even be regarded as unpleasant, but together they create what we perceive as a perfect blend – a rich rose odour. Have fellowship with one another, work in teams of strong believers. Jesus sent out His disciples in two's for a reason

2. Rose scent varies with the time of day. The early morning is when scents are strongest. When trying to understand scents it's important to keep in mind the variation over time, this is produced by the difference in the rate at which different compounds evaporate.

.... **Be mindful of your fervency.** “ The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5:16. “..continuing steadfastly in prayer: Romans 12:12. Don't let your light be deem

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“¹⁴ But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in “Christ’s triumphal procession” and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of Him everywhere. ¹⁵ For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. -- **2 Corinthians 2:14-17**

Brethren, God calls us a bed of roses:

- As roses, we cannot work/walk alone but in “***Christ’s triumphal procession***”. -- we work as branch on the Vine otherwise we cannot give out a good aroma, we must work in light of the call
- God uses us to spread the **aroma of the knowledge of Him** everywhere.

“Ephesians 2:¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Ephesians 1:16-17, Paul says:

¹⁶I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, **17** and asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation ***in your knowledge of Him.*** **18**I ask that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know the hope of His calling, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints.

To be true roses, we must seek a deeper knowledge of Him.

Philippians 3:10 ” That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.”

¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained. ¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and,

sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach.

The result of this deeper knowledge is the aroma we carry to both the saved and the unsaved.

- We must be a pleasing aroma of Christ.

Being an aroma is good but the requirement is a pleasing (sweet) aroma. If our aroma is not pleasing, God will reject it:

In Leviticus 10:1-2, “Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, which he had not commanded them. 2 And fire came out from before the LORD and consumed them.

Sweet aroma

a. Aroma of Prayer

I Timothy 2:1

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.”

2 Chronicles 7:14

13If I close the sky so there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send a plague among My people, **14**and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land. **15**Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.

b. The Aroma of Our Repentance

1 Peter 2:⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy

nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

c. The Aroma of Our Witness

We must spread the word.

I Peter 3:18

“ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.”

As the righteous, we must suffer for the unrighteous.

d. The Aroma of Our Love

John 15:13 “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

Conclusion

Brethren, we are the Bed of Roses.

Bed of roses must live lives anchored on Christ – (His procession, less we produce bad aroma,

Our aroma must be sweet: prayer for others, repentance, witnessing and love.

God Bless You!

2019 PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray over today's message.
2. For KCM ask for grace to diligently fulfil its mandate as “the house of prayer for all nations” (Isaiah 56:7), extending God's love to all the nations.
3. Prayer for the Leaders of Nations
4. Thank God for stopping wars in nations.
5. Continue to ask God to have mercy on our land, forgive our sins & heal us (2 Chro, 7:13-18).
6. Pray for Ministers and Missionaries, their ministries and missions.
7. Pray for Marriages, Children and families. Restoration of troubled marriages & children – family
8. Pray for Members of the fellowship
9. Pray for the needs of the members & the fellowship, and any special request.
10. Also pray for next Sunday.