



THE TREASURE OF GARDENING

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28, NIV)

*"The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it."
(Genesis 2:15, NLT)*

"Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce." (Jeremiah 29:5, NIV)

*"The garden...is a place where God's presence dwells in a special kind of way so that his people can be with him and worship him. This is precisely the function of a sanctuary or temple."
(J. Daniel Hays, The Tabernacle and the Temple)*

"When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown." (Matthew 13:19-23, NIV)

THE CONDITION OF THE _____ OF THE _____

DETERMINES WHAT YOU _____

NOT EVERY SOIL IS _____ BUT CAN BECOME _____

"You don't own your heart (soul); but you have to steward it." (John Ortberg, Soul Keeping)

"Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life." (Proverbs 4:23, ESV)

1. IT'S TIME FOR _____

"The revolution of Jesus is in the first place and continuously a revolution of the human heart and spirit." (Dallas Willard, Renovation of the Heart)

2. IT'S TIME FOR _____

*"Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity."
(Joel 2:13, NIV)*

"To break the fallow ground of our hearts means to bring them to a humble and contrite state before God; for this is the only state of heart that God can revive. The only state that is ready for the rain of revival." (Arthur Wallis, In the Day of Thy Power)

3. IT'S TIME FOR _____