

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep. 1041: How Do You Bloom Where You Are Planted?

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1. What happens to our minds and hearts when we allow ourselves to become envious of others' lives? How have you reacted in the past when you have been envious of someone?
2. What should we ask ourselves, no matter what circumstance we are in? What handicap do we have as we anticipate the future and how might we consider changing our circumstances? Who does not have this handicap? (See 1 Corinthians 7:17-24)
3. How can a difficult circumstance be the “fertilizer that provokes us to bloom”?
4. What is the “x” factor that helps us cope with difficult circumstances? How does this help? What is the antidote to the depression that can set in *when experiences are long, difficult and unrelenting*? What does the stream in Jeremiah 17:8 represent? (See 1 Peter 4:12,13, Jeremiah 17:5-8)
5. What is the deceitfulness of the human heart? How do we guard against it? What keeps us moving forward through hard times? (See Jeremiah 17:9-11, Psalms 92:12-15)
6. What is the solution to the frustration over the disruption that trial and tragedy bring into our lives? What is the solution for the desire to seek riches greater than our circumstances allow? What is the sure solution to pursue that which will lead to fullness of life and a rich eternity? (See 1 Timothy 6:6-11, 1 Peter 1:6-7, Ephesians 4:11-13) How can we help others with *their* frustration?
7. How do we deal with the difficult situations that are so prevalent in this world? How do we keep anxiety at bay, not letting fear and despair take over our minds? How can we turn this into growth? (See Hebrews 12:2-3, Colossians 3:12-24, Hebrews 4:15-16)
8. How should we react to the natural anger we feel when life is “unfair” to us, to loved ones, neighbors, or our brethren? What boundaries must govern our anger? (See Ephesians 4:26-27, 1 Corinthians 10:23-26,31-33)
9. List the differences Jesus brings in when comparing the Old Testament Law with his new higher standards of Christian behavior. How does this raise your standards for your own behavior? In your heart of hearts, have you met these standards, or are you still seeking to reach these higher levels of behavior? What will you do to change your own behavior? (See Matthew 5:21,22, Matthew 11:26)