

## ***“Son” Flowers... A Devotional by the members of New Hope Church in Cooper, TX***

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Scripture Verse Reference: 1 Corinthians 7:20 ***“Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called.”*** (NKJV)

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### ***Blooming Where You Are Planted***

Are we humans ever satisfied? If I have a beautiful, productive ranch, I want more acreage. Writing devotionals and lessons, I touch dozens, perhaps hundreds, of lives each week. If only I were published I could reach the entire world. I make enough money to support my family and pay my bills, but if I had a better paying job I could have more. Again I ask. Are we humans ever satisfied?

I think part of the human curse is that we never seem satisfied with who we are or what we have. It's good to want to better ourselves, to provide a better life for our families, but at what cost? For years, it seemed I spent more time trying to be a successful business owner than I did trying to be a loving husband. I spent more time at work than I did being involved in the life of the young man I was raising. Worst of all, I one day found myself too busy to attend church, study my Bible, or pray. I wasted twelve years of my life trying to become the man I thought I needed to be instead of becoming the man God wanted me to be.

I am grateful that our God is a God of second, third, or fiftieth chances. When I fail, He reaches down to help me up. He dusts me off, surrounds me with His rich soil of grace, gently waters me, and shines upon me so I might grow in His light.

In 1 Corinthians 7:17-24, the Apostle Paul suggests we “bloom where planted” in the way he instructed the church at Corinth to “Live as You are Called.” In other words, if God saw fit for you to be a slave, then be a slave, but know your freedom is in Christ. Wherever God places you in this life, you are to work for His glory and not our own. We should strive to be the best servant of God we can be and everything else will take care of itself as God sees fit.

God does not want us concerned with our station or status in this life but in our eternal life. What are you laying up in heaven for your account and God's glory? In focusing upon this, we find His peace and His joy.

