



**ROOTED – Part 2
Discovering Your Roots**

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Proverbs 12:3 (NLT), “Wickedness never brings stability, but **the godly have deep roots.**”

Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV), “⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, **continue to live your lives in him,** ⁷ **rooted and built up in him,** strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

1. Your life is a _____ of your roots.

Proverbs 26:11 (NLT), “As a dog returns to its vomit, so **a fool repeats his foolishness.**”

Jeremiah 13:23 (NLT), “Can an Ethiopian **change the color of his skin?** Can a **leopard take away its spots?** Neither can you **start doing good,** for you have **always done evil.**”

Romans 7:15-20 (NLT), “¹⁵ I don’t really understand myself, for **I want to do what is right, but I don’t do it. Instead, I do what I hate.** ¹⁶ But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. ¹⁸ And I know that **nothing good lives in me,** that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can’t. ¹⁹ I want to do what is good, but I don’t. I don’t want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. ²⁰ But if I do what I don’t want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; **it is sin living in me that does it.**”

2. Living right starts with _____ right.

Romans 12:2 (NCV), “Do not be shaped by this world; instead, **be changed within by a new way of thinking.** **Then** you will be able to **decide** what God wants for you; you will know what is good and pleasing to Him and what is perfect.”

Colossians 3:10 (NLT), “Put on your new nature, and be **renewed** as you **learn to know** your Creator and become like him.”

Ephesians 4:22-24 (NLT), “²² Throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and **deception.** ²³ Instead, **let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.** ²⁴ **Put on your new nature,** created to be like God – truly righteous and holy.”

3. Examine where your roots are _____.

- **Family Environment**

Ephesians 6:4 (NIV), “Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the **training and instruction of the Lord.**”

- **Religious Beliefs**
- **Academic Education**

Proverbs 22:6 (NASB), “Train up a child in the way he should go. **Even when he grows older, he will not abandon it.**”

- **Anchor Memories**

Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV), “¹⁸ Forget the former things; **do not dwell on the past.** ¹⁹ See, I am doing a **new thing!** Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

- **Perception of God**

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV), “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord. “Plans to **prosper** you and not to harm you, **plans to give you hope and a future.**”

- **Self-Perception**

Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV), “For as a man **thinks** in his heart, **so is he.**”

Galatians 1:10 (NLT), “Obviously, I’m **not trying to win the approval of people,** but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ’s servant.”
