

NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“Weeds in your soul can do more harm than ones in your soil.”

I Hate Weeds

*I hate weeds. Every year, I spread weed killer, pull them out and plant grass seed. But every year, they keep coming back. One year, my mother in-law had a bird feeder. The birds dropped the seeds producing most of the 13 types of [common grass weeds](#) even Creeping Charlie (*Glechoma hederacea*).*

The start of this past spring, I pulled three trash cans full of weeds out of my small yard and there was still more. I finally gave up and called a processional. He told me that I really lost the battle. He took soil samples and sent them to a lab. From the results, he came back and gave my yard treatments to match the soil. He told me to keep the grass higher than normal. In three weeks, I had no weeds and beautiful grass. Wow. But I was warned, they will be back.

“A weed is a plant considered undesirable in a particular situation, or a plant in the wrong place. These plants are unwanted in human-controlled settings, such as farm fields, gardens, lawns, and parks. Taxonomically, the term “weed” has no botanical significance, because a plant that is a weed in one context is not a weed when growing in a situation where it is in fact wanted,”¹

“While many think of weeds as just an unsightly nuisance to be dealt with, weeds can cause major damage to sidewalks, fences and other growth and vegetation. Weeds can also block drainage areas and cause damage to underground pipes and sewage systems. Additional dangers occur when vacant lots and roadsides are overgrown causing fire hazards and impairing drivers’ visibility. They also can be a breeding ground for insects”²

Weeds can destroy crops: “Public enemy No. 1 for corn and soybean farmers, the Palmer amaranth weed. This is bad news for corn and soybean farmers, both because the weed grows and proliferates quickly and because it is resistant to multiple herbicides. It can grow up to 8 feet tall with a woody stem thick enough to damage farm equipment that tries to mow it down. Officials at North Dakota State University, who are also gearing up to fight the weed, say the spread of Palmer amaranth can reduce yields by up to 91% for corn and 79% for soybeans.” April 24, 2019³

Weeds can kill animals: “Peter the Great lost more than 500 horses, in 1722, from eating wormwood. Then in 1907, 700 cattle were killed overnight by a poisonous weed in Australia. In Utah, more than 6,000 sheep died from locoweed, in 1958.”⁴

The Bible also talks about the problems with weeds. In Genesis, God placed weeds on the earth as part of the curse to punish man. Gen 3:17 Jesus used the example of weeds in parables. “And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.” Luke 8:14



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The more time you spend with the Great Gardener, the less weeds you will have in your life.



Our neighbor's garage overcome by weeds.

What does your life look like?

¹en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Weed ²elsproducts.com/weed-control.html ³elsproducts.com/weed-control.html

⁴ Natural Process and Human Impacts: Interactions between Humanity and the Environment by Sergry Govorushko 2011 page 304

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