Seven Portraits of an Enduring Leader IV

"A Farmer"

There are many dynamics to multidimensional leaders.

There are leadership r***elationships*****.**

You cannot influence people to you don't have access.

There is leadership s***tewardship***.

We are stewards of everything, owners of nothing.

There is l***eadership***.

He leads us so that we can lead others.

A leader is like a f***armer***.

NKJV ***2 Timothy 2:6*** The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops.

I

Farmers know what plants n***eed***.

Plants need air, water, light, and nutrients.

Plants need space, time, c***ultivating,*** and pruning

Plants need good ground, the right e***nvironment***, the right c***onditions,*** and the right s***eason***.

II

Farmers understand and work at s***ite*** p***reparation***.

Psalm 92:12 **Those who are planted in the house of the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of our God.**

Before you plant your seed you must p***repare*** the soil.

Jeremiah 1:9 Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: "**Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.**
[10] See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To **root out** and to **pull down**, To **destroy** and to **throw down, To build and to plant."**

Root out hidden agendas, selfish motivations, unhealthy entanglements, embedded fears...

Pull down pride, arrogance, false self-images, victim mentality, and external idols...

Destroy, so dismantle it so it cannot be reassembled again, voices that said you can't, shouldn't, won't be able to, dream thieves, Satanic tactics that come to steal your identity Esau, kill your vision Joseph and destroy your life Moses...

Throwdown stronghold, stubborn ideologies which exult themselves against the knowledge of God: credible voices, with repetitious information which gave current credibility.

To build leaders go through a process of construction with people, who will build people and will build the church.

To plant means to put and set in the ground for growth.

⇒ Be the planting of the Lord in the house of the Lord.

III

Farmer leaders understand they are working in the dirt, and they will get dirty.

Farmer leaders understand it takes time to grow out of the dirt.

Psalm 92:12 The righteous shall flourish like a **palm tree**,
He shall grow like a **cedar** in Lebanon. **[12] Those who are planted in the house of the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of our God**. [13] They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing,

The palm tree can flourish in dry, hot deserts and arid areas.

The cedar can flourish in the high, cold mountainous areas.

Their commonality is they both root d***ownwards*** to a rock.

Their deep roots give them stability, d***urability***, and stamina.

Isaiah 37:31 And **the remnant** that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again **take root downward, and bear fruit upward:** After captivity, Judah would return and be planted in the land.

A remnant is a chip off the block.

A remnant is a piece of rock.

A remnant is a l***eftover*** from the original.

Leftover food is better the second day because the spices and flavors have worked down inside it.

Plants must root downward.

Plants grow root downward, then s***pring*** upward.

⇒ Roots and fruit were a prophetic prediction for the remnant people.