

*"And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of witness. And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds." Numbers 17:7-8*



Amazing things happen in the “*Tabernacle of Witness*.” Aaron’s rod came to life overnight and produced not only blooms, but fruit. It’s never that way in nature. When faith’s cry ascends to God’s ears, the dead wood of a lost soul is transformed by the miraculous presence of the Almighty. Our tabernacles of “witness” have the sublime purpose of housing and displaying the presence of God. As we minister at His bidding the blooms and blossoms of our ministrations

will yield the “*fruit of the Spirit*.” As we blossom under our Blessed Tutor, we will indeed grow ever more fruitful. Before we can reproduce we must bear fruit. The seeds of reproduction are borne in the fruit. As we display the love, joy, peace, etc. of the Spirit, seeds of reproduction will be born and we will reproduce after our kind. The more fruit we bear, the more seeds we produce, and the more reproduction there is. As long as we maintain the Sanctuary of God’s Presence, our rods will blossom and yield fruit. All who come in contact with us will recognize God’s miracle. There are many “flowering plants, but few yield fruit. Many are “Sunday flowers” and “Monday wilters.” They will never bear fruit and fade quickly, because they are not attached to the Branch. Flash-in-the-pan Christianity is far too common. God is nowhere to be found in their daily life. Religious ritual has replaced worship. Even in the so-called “worship” services, God’s Word has little place. Music dominates the stage and when the preacher finally does speak, a verse or two is read and then the speaker “interprets” the meaning based on some “real life” application. The truth is that there is no “real life” outside of God’s Word. All else is just coffin lace. To most “Christians,” God has become just another “accessory.”

If we would have our “rods” to bloom,  
Our souls must give the Savior room,  
Our life, His Love should dominate,  
And He, for us, will Life create. ~CGP

Let’s not be guilty of “accessorizing.” God is either our Life, or we have no Life.

*"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." Colossians 3:2-4*