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Palm-Tree Christians

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Your participation: I will mention several well-known words. Think of one word to describe it all: Tea Pot Dome, Watergate, Texas Stock Fraud, Billie Sol Estes Scandal. WORD: Unrighteousness. Results?: misery!!!!

Consider Prov. 14:34. Something exalts reproach.

Righteousness is possible: II Cor. 7:1-2.

In U.S.A.: Man's status: Bankroll, house, car...

In Iraq: Palm trees determine his standing in the community, social prestige, influence.

In Heaven: Man's status: a Christian?? Faithful

How many souls saved? How guided children?

Question: What is a Christian? Same as the righteous man of Psalms 92. Like a Palm tree

I. PALM TREE ROOTS GROW VERY DEEP. (Convictions.)
A. Palms prevalent in storm areas; typhoons and hurricanes. MUST have deep roots to survive.

II. Hurricane Carla, 1960. Saw palm trees blown level with the ground, unhurt. 127 mph winds damaged pecans, oaks, hackberrys and elms. Uprooted many.

B. Christians face storms. II Tim. 3:12.
C. Palm-tree Christians CAN weather the storms. Romans 8:35-39. Can YOU say this????

II. PALM TREE TRUNKS GROW STRAIGHT AND TALL.
A. External forces cannot alter a healthy palm tree's skyward growth. 150 FT.
B. Paul proved this. Phil. 4:11-13.

II. Proved also at San Leon, Texas on Galveston Bay. Remains: 36 palm trees and large old metal bank vault. Legendary storm hit. All disappeared, but beautiful palm trees and vault.
C. Life of palm tree is ALL in its truck and it can be cut ½ to 3/4ths thru and live on.

Can you suffer for Christ's sake and live on?

III. PALM TREES ARE THE ESSENCE OF BEAUTY. (Queen!)
A. Graceful swaying palms are fine mind-therapy as a picture of peace, serenity & happiness.
II. Explains New Orleans jealousy over.

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B. Palms are especially healthy and beautiful in most desolate places. Oasis!
C. Christians are also especially healthy and beautiful in desolate places. Lost families.
D. Palm often the last source of food in desert.
E. Christian the last source of truth. Mk. 16:11.

YCMA. Dallas. Airman planned suicide. Lived!

Met Jimmy Wood-Christian! Called me.

Beauty of Christian life so vital!!
Florist put brown bulbs in window.
No sales! Friend: Show tulips. Sold all.

IV. PALM TREES START OTHER PALM TREES. (All missionaries)
A. Ill. A Dr. Sargeant, world traveler, says:
"I have never seen a single palm tree anywhere.
B. Neither Palms nor Christians can live alone!!
* Romans 14:7-9. and 10:13-17.*
C. Palm trees may bear fruit 200 years.

CHURCH OF CHRIST is God's Oasis in the desert of sin, suffering, misery and lost souls.
Church is made up of Palm-tree-Christians.

Palms shade others from burning sun.
Christians shade loved one from sin.
Tell them: Acts 2:38.

Palms point to life-saving water.
Christians point to living-water. John 4:14.

Palms offer food for the starving in desert.
Christians point the lost to the Bread of Life: Jesus the Savior.

SINNER FRIEND: You have found the Oasis.
Come to Jesus for Spr. food, drink, and rest.

Wayward Christian-brother: Come home for forgiveness so you too can be a Palm-tree-Christian and help others.

Identify: