



RED RIDGE FARM PRESENTS

GARDEN LOCATION CHECKLIST

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**YOUR STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO THE
PERFECT GARDEN LOCATION**

INTRODUCTION

You have been called by God to grow a garden to feed your family the healthiest food you can give them. You are ready to get your hands dirty and you're sure that starting out with a little knowledge will save you time and money.

You know that the perfect garden starts with the right location. Are you wondering if the spot you picked in your backyard will work?

Welcome to the Garden Location Checklist. This checklist is for every person who wants to start their own garden, but is tired of the hesitation of not knowing where to start, and just wants someone to help break through the noise of too much information. Just give it to me straight! If that is you?

Then I can't wait to help you on your God given Purpose of growing your own food!

Have a Blessed Day,

Crystal Mediate (A God driven Gardener)



GARDEN LOCATION CHECKLIST

- Sun

- Water

- Soil

- A Slight Slope

- Wind

- Relation with the Home

- Pollutants

- HOA Restrictions

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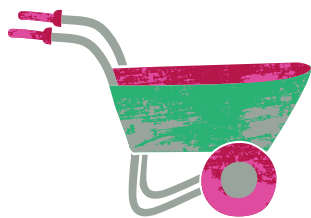
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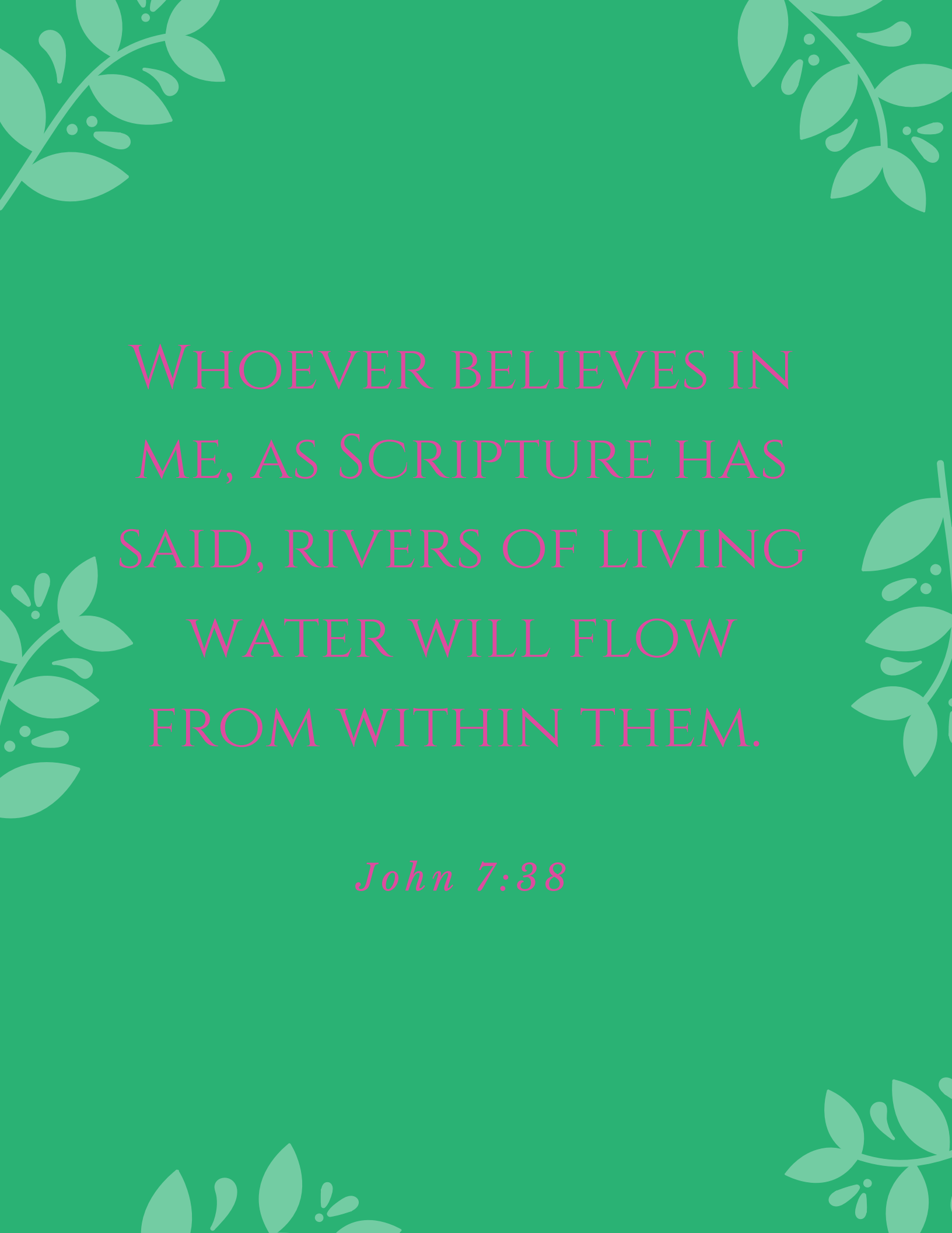
Ecclesiastes 1:5

STEP #1: SUN

You are going to need to know how the sun moves across your property. The best practice is to keep a log on your suspected spot and see which area gets the most sunlight. Your ideal spot will need at least 8 hours. If you happen to have less than 8 hours you may be limited to the veggies that grow best at those amounts of daylight. I have made a Vegetable Sun Chart that can help you find the right veggies for limited sunlight!



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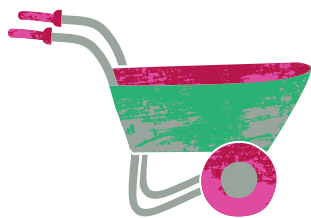
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WHOEVER BELIEVES IN
ME, AS SCRIPTURE HAS
SAID, RIVERS OF LIVING
WATER WILL FLOW
FROM WITHIN THEM.


John 7:38

STEP #2: WATER

You are going to need to place your garden close to a water source or make a plan of how you are going to get water to your garden. You may even need to take a water test to see if your water is fit for gardening. I found that my water has higher levels of sodium. So, as a result, every time I water I increase the sodium levels in my soil. High sodium levels can stop seed germination in its tracks.



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BUT THE SEED ON GOOD
SOIL STANDS FOR THOSE
WITH A NOBLE AND
GOOD HEART, WHO
HEAR THE WORD,
RETAIN IT, AND BY
PERSEVERING PRODUCE
A CROP.

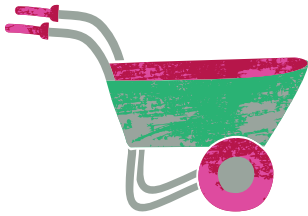
Luke 8:15


STEP #3: SOIL

The soil is the foundation of your garden. This means you are going to need to know your soil quality. All soil will support life; it just depends on the quality to know how much life it is able to support. How can you find this out? A soil test!

What is a Soil Test?

A soil test is when you as the gardener take samples from your future garden spot and send them in to be tested for the common nutrients that all plants need. The test will even measure your soil PH. Most vegetables will only grow between 6.0 to 7.0 PH. I was one of those beginners who did take this step and let me tell you, I regret it!



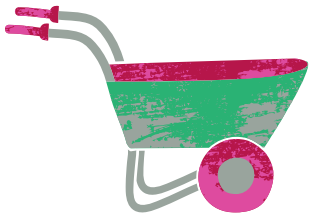
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BUT FOR YOU WHO
REVERE MY NAME, THE
SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
WILL RISE WITH
HEALING IN ITS RAYS.

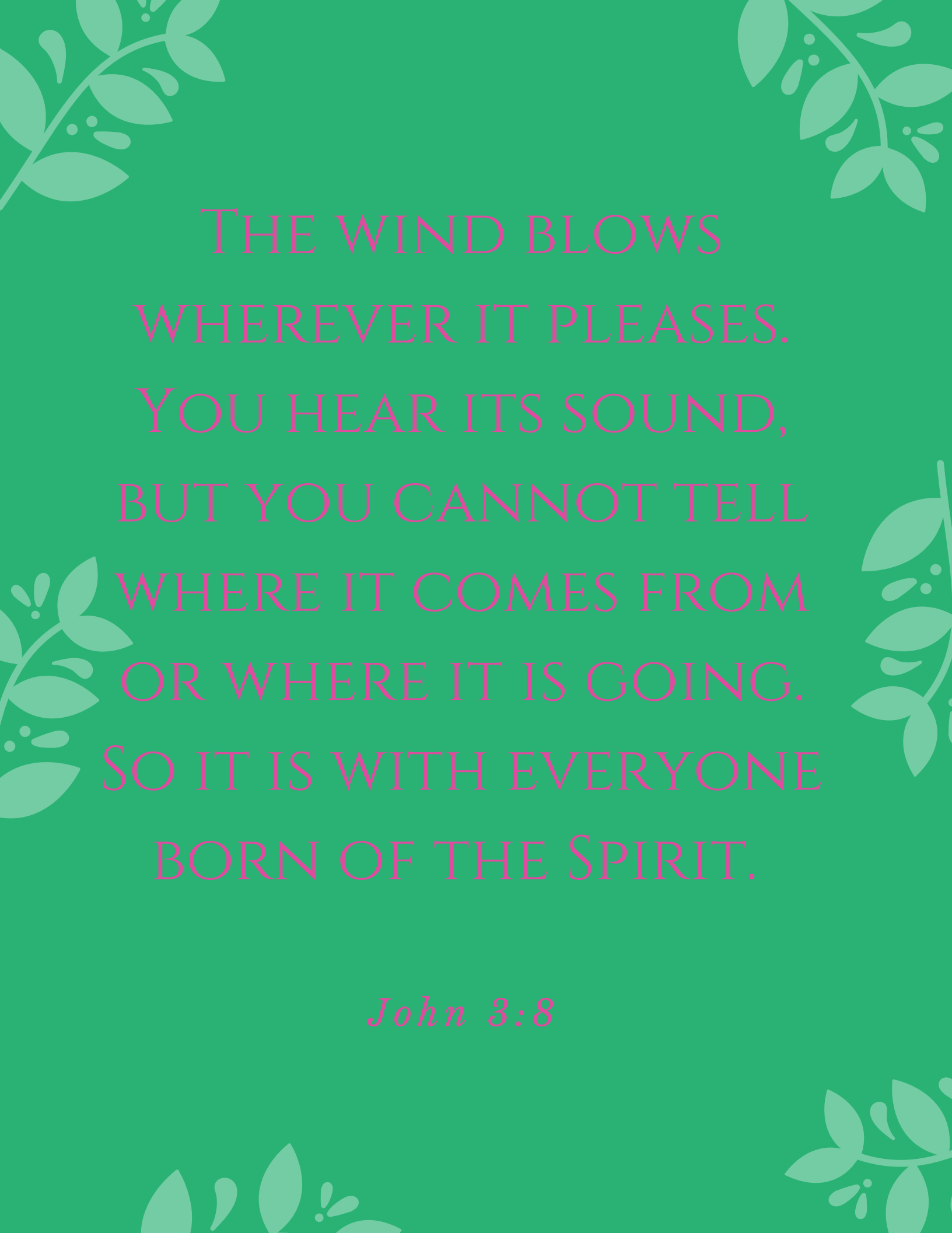
Malachi 4:2a

STEP #4: A SLIGHT SLOPE

When looking for a location you are going to need to consider your land grade or slope. To many this may not be a concern, but I virtually live on a hill and my location is limited. Flat land is good but the ideal spot is a south face slight slope so that your garden will have the correct drainage!



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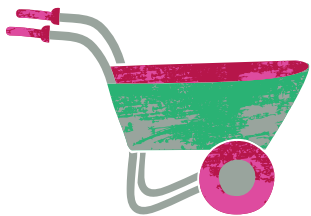
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THE WIND BLOWS
WHEREVER IT PLEASES.
YOU HEAR ITS SOUND,
BUT YOU CANNOT TELL
WHERE IT COMES FROM
OR WHERE IT IS GOING.
SO IT IS WITH EVERYONE
BORN OF THE SPIRIT.

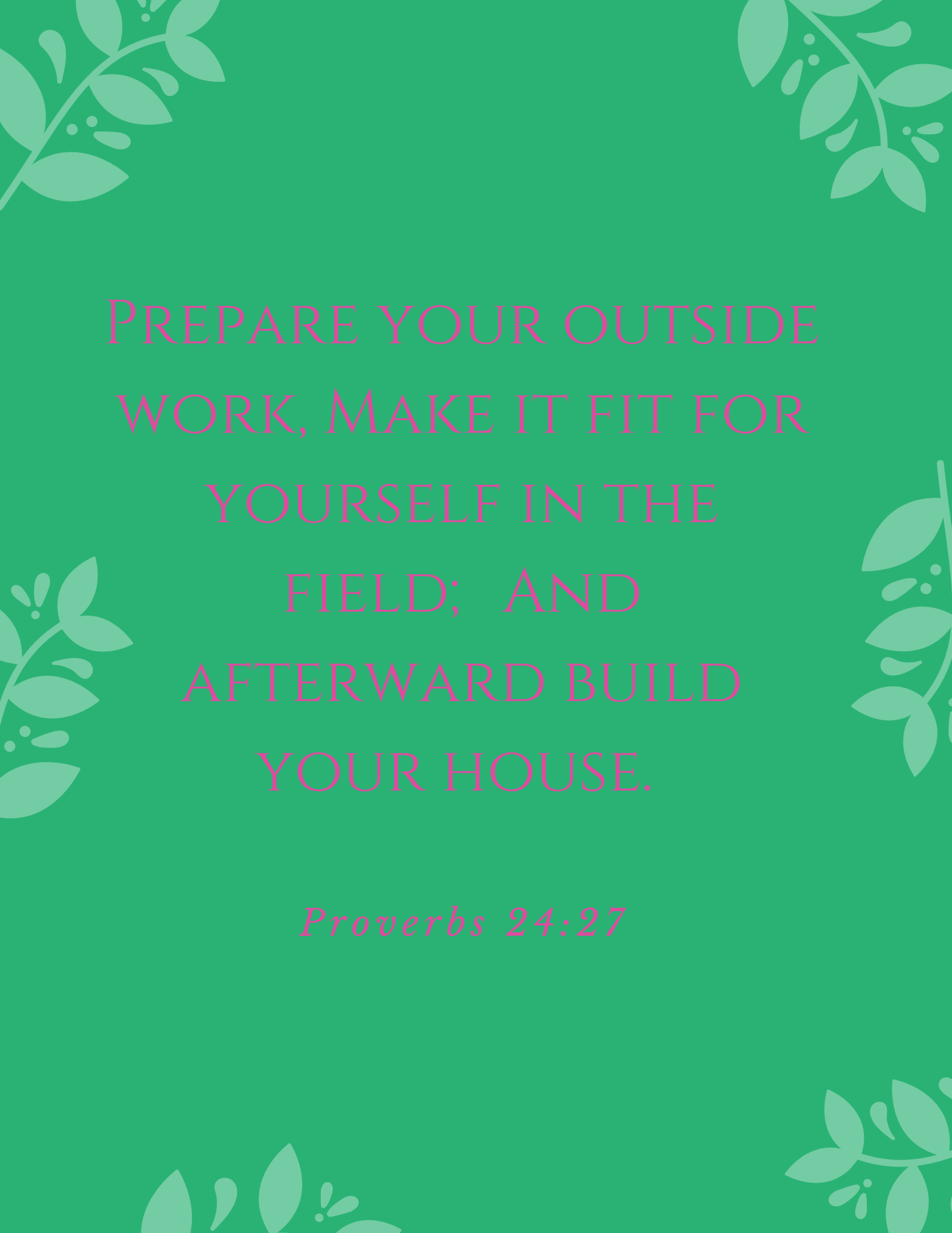
John 3:8

STEP #5: WIND

You will need to know the direction of your most prevalent winds. If your garden is not protected from these winds you may experience problems. It is possible to build a wind break, but it may be cheaper to pick a different location. You are going to need some wind to create air flow through your garden because proper air circulation can prevent some types of diseases.



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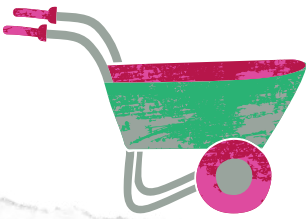
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PREPARE YOUR OUTSIDE
WORK, MAKE IT FIT FOR
YOURSELF IN THE
FIELD; AND
AFTERWARD BUILD
YOUR HOUSE.

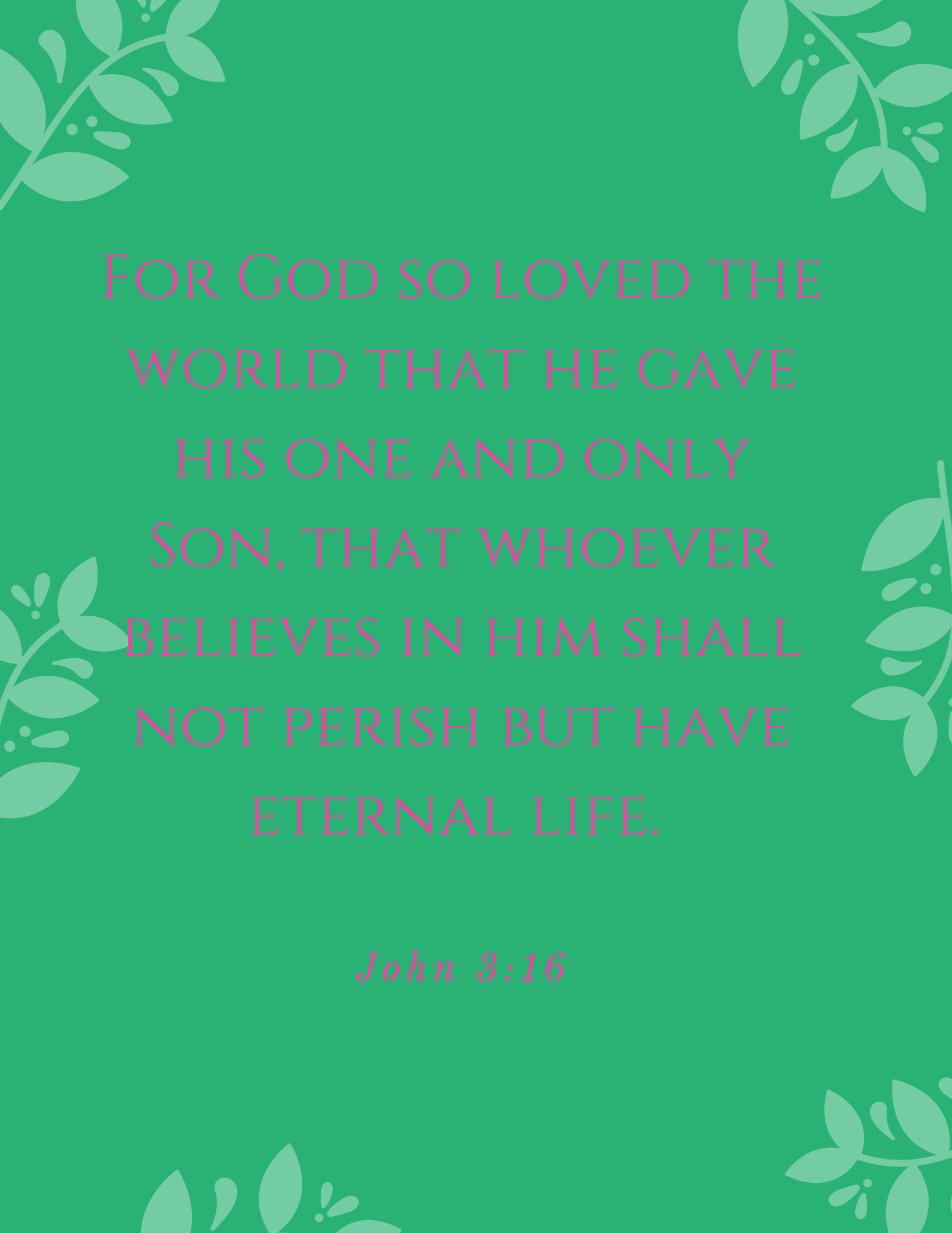
Proverbs 24:27

STEP #6: RELATION WITH THE HOME

Permaculture states that the proper placement of a garden should be in Zone 1. Zone 1 is where you place the things that are going to need most attention and are located on the normal route you travel in and out of your home. Plus, with it being closer to your home you will be more apt to harvest for your daily needs. I currently have my garden in Zone 1b, which is still ok for a crop garden, but I have found that even though I have lettuce currently growing in my garden it is an extra chore for me to travel down to the garden when I am preparing supper. I am hoping to add a few raised beds outside my backdoor to more readily harvest for daily use. This will put a garden in Zone 1 and Zone 1b. Zone 1b can still be close to the home but not on your direct route. Out of sight out of mind!



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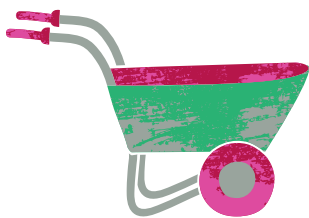
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FOR GOD SO LOVED THE
WORLD THAT HE GAVE
HIS ONE AND ONLY
SON, THAT WHOEVER
BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL
NOT PERISH BUT HAVE
ETERNAL LIFE.

John 3:16

STEP #7: POLLUTANTS

You need to consider what has been either stored or left laying in this area over the last 15 years. You don't want a place that has had old cars parked over it or has been known for having gas or oil dumped on it. These are pollutants and will not allow plants to grow. If this is your only option you may need to invest in raised beds.



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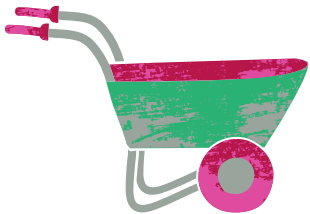
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COMMIT TO THE LORD
WHATEVER YOU DO,
AND HE WILL ESTABLISH
YOUR PLANS.

Proverbs 16:3

STEP #8: HOA RESTRICTIONS

You are going to need to know if having a garden is permissible to your Home Owners Association. Many current HOA only permit ornamental gardens or no gardens at all. Checking before you start may save you lots of money in legal litigations!



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CONCLUSION

You now know that finding your perfect location for your dream garden is going to take more than your determination and willingness to get your hands dirty. It's about considering the sun, rain, wind and much more!

And you know what you need!

I have a question for you. Now that you know the basic needs to consider before picking your perfect garden location, do you want a full explanation of how to expand on each need? Do you want me to coach you through them with my 15+ years of experience? Then check out my book “Your Dream Garden | A Garden Planning Guide” - by visiting my website!

I am so glad we got to meet each other on this journey of growing food for our families, and please let me know when you have tasted your first home grown veggie.

Have a Blessed Day,

Crystal Mediate (A God driven Gardener)

ABOUT



My Name is Crystal Mediate and I am a co-owner of Red Ridge Farm. I am also the author and founder of the Red Ridge Farm Blog and Online Courses. Here at Red Ridge Farm, our mission is to offer timeless education to all who want it. Yes, I know what it is like to try to build a garden and homestead on my own. I truly feel it is my calling to help others build not only a garden but food security, and to help put healthy food on every plate I can!

So Why am I doing this?

I feel God has called me to be a teacher. Gardening and homesteading are what I know! Growing food for my family has helped us in many ways, we have food security, we have healthy options for our plate, and we have saved money on our monthly grocery bill. I started growing food out of necessity. My husband and I always planned for me to be a stay at home mom, but that meant we would be a single income family. I felt that even though I was home I was not destined to be a Day Time Tv-aholic. I wanted to contribute! I found the best thing I could do was to reduce our monthly bills. Most of our bills were fixed but groceries were not. I thought if I could reduce this monthly bill, I could help. I also knew the answer was not in eating less. I researched coupons, meal planning, and so much more. What I found is that if we could grow our own food and grow it in a healthier manner, while also teaching our boys a good work ethic, I could save twice as much as any coupon could give us. That is when our first garden was born. Since then I have learned to grow our own chicken, turkey, pork, and how to preserve our harvest to last the whole year. I even raise dairy goats, so we have access to fresh milk, daily. Now I want to help others do the same.