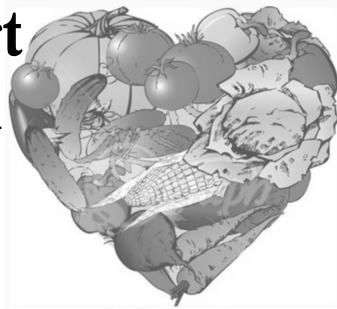




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Will I neglect my heart and let weeds take over, or will I allow God to cultivate a beautiful design? Gardens don’t just happen! If thoughts are allowed to grow wild, my heart (and life) can become a mess rather than a beautiful place.

All attractive gardens must have a plan. I may have a dream plot, possibly filled with roses or an array of beautiful plants. However, God has a perfect plan for my heart and life. He is the Master Gardener and I need to let Him work out His design.

God knows the climate, soil, and sunshine of my life. I must not insist on having *my* way and *my* dream fulfilled but be open to all that God has for me. Am I willing to let God take over the Master Plan and be the One who decides where, how, and when my life should “bloom”?

Perhaps a moon garden would most please the Lord. These are planted to be enjoyed under the light of the moon; they have bright white or pale blossoms that open at night to release a delightful fragrance which attracts various night pollinators and creates a magical view in darkness. Perhaps God would choose a flower garden where flowers bloom in different seasons, a practical vegetable plot, or an amazing orchard. “As for God, His way is perfect” (*Psalm 18:30*). Will I trust His plan, no matter how barren things might look now?

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