



Flowers and Faith

When springtime warms the earth, we welcome the flowers blossoming outdoors. We may have flowers in our gardens and a lovely variety of flowers available in stores. The signs of spring—and the renewal of life—lift our spirits. They may also help us reflect on the nature of true faith.

In winter, many plants are dormant. There is light without warmth. This is like knowing truths but not acting on them, not loving them and trying to bring them into our lives.

When spring arrives, plants show new growth of leaves, flowers, and eventually fruit. It is the warmth of the sun combined with the light that makes this possible.

For plants to blossom and bear fruit, they must have light and warmth. To be living, faith must be combined with love.

Here are several ideas for reminding ourselves of the importance of pairing faith and charity in our lives.

- 1) We can bring flowers into our homes and let them remind us of the way things blossom with warmth and light—love and wisdom together.
- 2) Consider writing quotations from the Word on cards or craft sticks to display with the flowers. Use these as a reminder that the warmth flowers need is like the love we need, to combine with truth in our lives.
- 3) Choose a teaching from the Word and think about ways you can apply that in your life in a loving way.