“Bloom Where You are Planted”

Strengthening the Minds and Hearts of Individuals, Communities and the Profession

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Strengthening the Hearts and Minds of Individuals, Communities and the Profession requires us as professionals to “Bloom where we are planted”. There is something in each of us that others need; it is up to each of us to Influence where we are planted.
Bloom/Influence

- Grow
- Thrive
- Flourish
- Develop
- Prosper
- Mature
- Motivate
- Inspire
- Shape
- Persuade
- Change
He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough. In other words, Yeast has to mix with dough to be affected."
What’s Needed to Bloom and have Influence?

**Plants/Flowers**
- Soil and Fertilizer
- Water
- Temperature
- Sunlight
- Air/CO₂
- Space/Room
- Time

**People/Community**
- Knowledge/Nutrients
- Water
- Temperature
- Sunlight
- Air
- Space/Room
- Time
- Skills
How do we Influence in the home, community, profession?

- Aging U.S. Population
- Digital Technology
- Genetically Modified Products
- Changing American Families
- No Majority Ethnic Group
- Work Life
- Dual Economy
- Protecting the Environment accommodating Growth
- Globalization
- High Touch Communities
Our work begins when we leave here today – where the mind leads, the heart will follow – what we think and does matter!

**Head, Heart, and Soul**

- **HEAD =** Body of Knowledge
- **HEART =** Mission to Improve Quality of Life
- **SOUL =** Meaning & Inspiration
Listen to Others
Build Trust
Knowledgeable
Be Flexible
Teach don’t Preach
Value Others
Be Obedient/Amenable
Boost Confidence

LEAD BY EXAMPLE
Let us not be like the Parable of the Salt Without Taste – Matthew 5:13
You are the salt of the earth. If the salt were no longer salty, what would we use to season food? It would be of no use anymore and we would throw it to the ground and let it be trampled on by everyone.