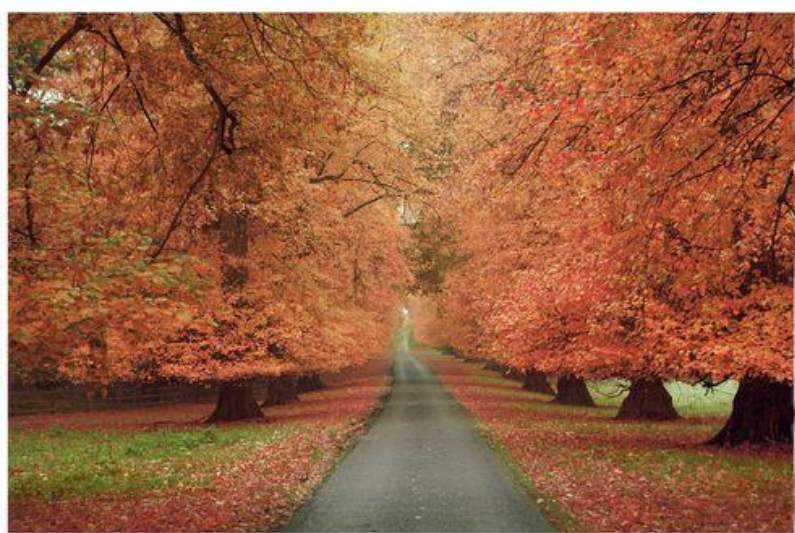


Seasonal Living



Ecclesiastes
3:1-17



Petaluma, *"the land of little hills"*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: 2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; 3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

Ecclesiastes 3:5-8

5 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6 a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 7 a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 8 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:9-13

9 What gain has the worker from his toil? 10 I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. 11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. 12 I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; 13 also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

Ecclesiastes 3:14–15, 17

14 I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him. 15 That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away... 17 I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work.

How do we live well in life's
changing seasons?

It is the task of the wise person to discern what season they are in and for them to begin to move visibly with whatever invisible program there may be.

Christ would invite us to accept,
submit to, and look for the good in
whatever season God has us.

“Time in God’s hands graciously
apprentices us.” (Zack Eswine)