

If Animals Could Talk



Just ask the animals, and they will teach you. Ask the birds of the sky, and they will tell you. ⁸ Speak to the earth, and it will instruct you. Let the fish in the sea speak to you. Job 12:7, 8 (NLT)

Redwood Secrets to Growing Strong, Stable, and Resilient

...Let the trees of the forest sing, let them sing for joy before the LORD... 1 Chronicles 16:33 (Voice)

...So they grow strong, like a tree planted by a stream-- a tree that produces fruit when it should and has leaves that never fall. Everything they do is successful. Psalm 1:3 (ERV)

But I am like an olive tree, thriving in the house of God. Psalm 52:8 (NLT)

FOUR SECRETS OF GROWING STRONG, STABLE, AND RESILIENT

Secret 1: Heartwood – _____

So above all, guard the affections of your heart, for they affect all that you are. Pay attention to the welfare of your innermost being, for from there flows the wellspring of life. Proverbs 4:23 (TPT)

Good people have good things saved in their hearts. That's why they say good things. But those who are evil have hearts full of evil, and that's why they say things that are evil. What people say with their mouths comes from what fills their hearts. Luke 6:45 (ERV)

Secret 2: Bark – _____

Ingredient #1: Tannic Acid - _____

If racing against mere men makes you tired, how will you race against horses? If you stumble and fall on open ground, what will you do in the thickets near the Jordan? Jeremiah 12:5 (NLT)

A fool shows his irritation immediately, but a prudent person overlooks an insult. Proverbs 12:16 (TLV)

Ingredient #2: Sapwood – _____

How do I develop a faith that responds faithfully?

...In his great mercy he has given us... a living hope... and inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation. ⁶...though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine... 1 Peter 1:5-7 (NIV)

Secret 3: Roots – _____

I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. Colossians 2:2 (NLT)

All the believers met together constantly and shared everything with each other... They worshipped together regularly at the Temple each day, met in small groups in homes for communion, and shared their meals with great joy and thankfulness." Acts 2:44,46 (TLB)

Be careful, brothers and sisters, that none of you ever develop a wicked, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ Encourage each other every day while you have the opportunity. If you do this, none of you will be deceived by sin and become stubborn. Hebrews 3:12, 13 (GW)

Secret 4: Regenerative Cells – _____

We never give up. Our bodies are gradually dying, but we ourselves are being made stronger each day. 2 Corinthians 4:16 (CEV)

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