

The Sensitive Plant

As you know, Life Care operates four buildings in Hawaii – one on Oahu and three on the Big Island of Hawaii. On a visit there, I learned about a delicate little plant called Sensitive, a member of the Mimosa family. It is a creeping annual or perennial herb often grown for its curiosity value.

Researching it some, I read that it is native to South and Central America, but it can also be found growing in Florida, Maryland, Virginia and Texas. Its name is derived from the movement it makes when anything, including a change in the wind, comes near it. This minute, spiny stemmed tropical plant grows close to the ground. Unless you are directly upon it, you can't distinguish it from grass or weeds in the same area and it can easily be crushed underfoot.



As the sun rises in the South Pacific, the tiny Sensitive plant opens itself as wide as it can and reaches upward toward the warmth of the early morning sunbeams shining down from heaven. This wee drooping plant has a built-in mechanism that causes it to quickly fold itself over and withdraw from anything that might cause it harm. But Sensitive cannot distinguish between a lawnmower rolling toward it to cut it down, or the man coming by to make certain it is protected.

Each of us has a built-in need to protect ourselves from danger and those who would harm us. God gave us His Word as a manual to equip us to be aware of the ways of the enemy and to prepare us to know how to protect ourselves.

Like the Sensitive plant, we can reach up every morning, even when it's raining or snowing, and receive His warmth, His love, His protection, and His anointing for the day ahead of us.

God has blessed us with His sensitivity, but we must be alert by using the tools He has provided for us – the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Bible, the preached word and the testimony of Christian friends.

Do not touch my anointed ones (Psalm 105:15).

– Beecher Hunter