

Forsythia

Cut the branches in January...put them in a vase With warm water and in 3-5 weeks they will bloom. Bend a branch down so that it touches the ground and it will make new roots. This means that if you have a friend with a forsythia bush there are probably little bushes growing underneath that you can dig up and replant. In most climates the blooms of Forsythia are among the first signs of spring.

If you live in Ohio or further north you will need cold hardy varieties like: 'Northern **Gold**,' 'New Hampshire **Gold**,' 'Vermont Sun.' , Northern Sun etc..

Why is it that flowers make you feel better?

Personally I think it is because they are a promise of better times to come. A cheer up card from God. Planting a flower or making it bloom in the middle of winter is an act of hope. Planting a forsythia bush where there are no other flowers can lift the spirits of everyone in the neighborhood. Planting the small bush and then putting a tire around it is an instant garden. When others see it they may want to plant a flower themselves. A single forsythia bush can change an entire neighborhood. It gets the focus off of what is wrong and onto what is right.

That is what happens when we put on our best face...when we dress ourselves in faith, hope, love, patience, kindness etc. Putting on your best self can cheer up the whole neighborhood.

Colossians 3:12 (New International Version)

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Sunday School teachers who have a forsythia bush can snip an 8-14 branch for each child in their class. Waiting on their branch to bloom can teach hope, patience, and perseverance. We should watch the Bible verses we plant in our hearts just as we watch the forsythia branch...waiting for them to bloom.



