



Sowing The Seed Of The Word January 23, 2005

Last Week we learned about Making God's Word Our Experience.
John 17:17

We emphasized that God's Word is truth and final authority.

We should desire to experience what the Word says we can have. Don't settle for anything less.

To make God's Word our experience, we outlined 4 action steps:

1. Sow the seed of God's Word
2. Change your thinking
3. Exercise faith in God's Word
4. Walk with wisdom

Today we will expound on what it means to Sow the seed of God's Word.

The primary ways in which God works in a believers life is (1) by His Word and (2) by His Spirit
There are other secondary ways such as (3) other people (4) circumstances, etc.

Sometimes we make the mistake of pursuing the secondary ways and forget the primary ways in which God works in our lives.

GOD WORKS BY HIS WORD.

God brought creation into existence by His Word.

GOD'S WORD IS GOD'S POWER

Hebrews 4:12

So if we want God's power to work in our lives, we need to open our lives to His Word.

GOD WORKS IN US BY HIS WORD

1 Thessalonians 2:13

The Word works effectually – puts out divine power – in those who believe.

James 1:21

The engrafted Word. The Word is to be engrafted in us. For example, if you graft plant A that bears fruit A into a plant B, the graft will grow and bear fruit A, the fruit of plant A.

The Word is from above, we are from below.

The Word is divine, we are earthy.

The Word is eternal, we are mortal.

And when the heavenly, divine and eternal Word is engrafted in us – it bears heavenly, divine fruit in us!

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Matthew 13 Mark 4 Luke 8

The seed is the Word of God.

The seed is sown in our hearts.

The seed produces after its own kind.

Healing seeds will produce healing. Prosperity seeds will produce prosperity. Boldness seeds will produce boldness. Joy seeds will produce joy. Confidence seeds will produce confidence. Wisdom seeds will produce wisdom.



The condition of the heart determines whether the seed will produce or not.
The condition of the heart determines the measure of fruit – thirty fold, sixty or hundred.

The wayside – lack of preparation

James 1:21 1 Peter 2:1-2

We must maintain a honest and good heart by getting rid of filthiness, wickedness, hatred, deceit, hypocrisy, evil speaking, etc. Only then will the seed of the Word have a chance to be sown into our heart.

In addition to preparing the soil of our heart, we must also understand the Word. If we do not understand the Word, then satan can take that seed away even before it has a chance to take root.

Satan realizes the potential that is in the Word and hence tries to keep the Word from being sown into our hearts.

The stony ground – lack of endurance

The ground with thorns – lack of focus

The cares of this world

The deceitfulness of riches

The desire for other things

The productive ground

- Ø Understand the Word - Matthew 13:23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, **and understandeth it**; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.
- Ø Receive the Word - Mark 4:20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, **and receive it**, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.
- Ø Retain the Word - Luke 8:15 But that on the good ground are they, which in **an honest and good heart**, having heard the word, **keep it**, and bring forth fruit with **patience**.

GOD WANTS TO WORK IN YOUR LIFE AND PRODUCE HEAVENLY AND DIVINE FRUIT IN YOU THROUGH HIS WORD.

ITS UP TO YOU TO SOW THE SEED OF THE WORD INTO YOUR OWN HEART.

You prepare the ground on purpose.

You sow the seed on purpose through meditation and confession.

You water, protect and retain the seed.

You harvest fruit in its season.

Proverbs 4:20-22 Psalm 107:20



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