

You Have To Plant The Seed

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Luke 8

No. 1

We can learn a lot from nature. That's because God created nature and His fingerprints are all over it. Jesus told many parables using nature.

- A treasure in a field
- A fig tree
- The wheat and tares
- Fish net
- Mustard seed



Today we begin a new series entitled, "Lessons From The Farm."

It will be a good series because the farm can teach us so much about life, especially the growing part of life.

If there is one thing the farm is known for, it's growth.

Every farmer has a high expectation from his farm that things will grow.

I would like to think every Christian has an expectation of spiritual growth.

Today we will see that in order for the crop to grow abundantly, the seed must be sown properly. We will see some wrong ways and a right way to sow the seed.

By the way, this is not original with me, I got it from Jesus.

Lu 8:4 *When a large crowd was coming together, and those from the various cities were journeying to Him, He spoke by way of a parable:*

Now;

This story or parable is a possible reality but with a spiritual truth thrown alongside.

"parable" *para/bole-* to throw alongside

Para – alongside; *bole* – to throw

A story with another meaning thrown alongside

The parable teaches us how to have an abundant growth on the farm.

Jesus will make an application on how to have abundant growth in your soul.

v.5 *"The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road (path), and it was trampled under foot and the birds of the air ate it up.*

Lesson no.1

Don't sow your seed on a hard soil.

It will be taken away,.

v.6 *"Other seed fell on rocky soil, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.*

Lesson no.2

Don't sow your seed on shallow soil. Underneath was bedrock.

It will just wither away under the heat.

v.7 *"Other seed fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it and choked it out.*

Lesson no.3

Don't sow your seed in the thorn bushes.

It will get choked when it tries to grow.

v.8 *"Other seed fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great."*

Lesson no.4

Do sow your seed where the soil will receive it because it is prepared and good soil. How many here believe that lessons from the farm can change your life? It can because note what Jesus said after He told this parable.

v.8 *As He said these things, He would call out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."*

Now, that's the story. Here comes the parable or the meaning thrown alongside.

v.11 *Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God.*

So, it is good seed. There is nothing wrong with the seed.

v.12 *"Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved."*

Lesson no.1

"road" (path) Hard ground = a hard heart.

- Routine – without thinking
- Religion – without relationship
- Pride – without humility to learn

v.13 *"Those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away."*



Lesson no.2

Remember the bedrock beneath the soil?

Rocky soil = shallow thinking person

Love the preaching but fail in the abiding.



Temptation tests their faith and they fail.

"temptation" put to proof

Matthew adds, "affliction or persecution arises because of the word"

They don't like:

- What the pastor said from the Word
- How the pastor is presenting the Word

Principle:

The seed is good. Soil determines the outcome.

The seed is good. The sower is just a man.

Soil determines the outcome.

v.14 *"The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity."*

Lesson no.3

Thorns = full of worldly thinking

- worries
- riches
- pleasures

This parable is for the preacher.

God is saying, if you sow the seed of my word on these kinds of people,

- hard hearted
- shallow thinking
- worldly thinking

You're just wasting your time.

You may get a very quick response, but it will not be lasting nor abundant. It will certainly not be enough to feed your family.



Lesson no. 4 But, this is where you sow your seed:

v.15 *"But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.*

Good soil = prepared

- honest
- want the good
- worship prepares the soul

Result; or what makes the seed grow:

- hold it fast
- bear fruit
- persevere

Lessons from the farm are all about growth. The question is:

- Do I want to grow?
- Do I want an abundant harvest of joy in my life?

Then I have to have the right soil in my heart because the seed is good and the sower is just a man.

It's the condition of the heart that makes the difference.

Next Time

"The Plow"

