

Planting the Seed

Opening Scripture:

Mar 4:3 Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow:

Mar 4:4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.

Mar 4:5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:

Mar 4:6 But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.

Mar 4:7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

Mar 4:8 And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.

We are the sower and casting the seed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If we have prepared ourselves then we will broadcast the seed effectively to all the ground around us.

The seed that is cast is going to fall on all different kinds of ground. The ground will effect the growth of the seed and maturity allowed of the seed planted. So we have to make sure that our seed is the best seed it can be!

The seed we sow must be pure and must be of God. The growth of the seed the sower planted must not be a limiting factor in the growth or maturity reached.

The seed we sow will be the harvest that we reap. We do not sow seeds of the world and reap a spiritual harvest. We do not sow a spiritual seed and reap a worldly harvest. The seed we cast must be GOOD seed.

Mat 13:24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, **The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:**

The sower went into the field with the good seed. We need to go into the field with the gospel of Jesus Christ on our hearts and on our tongues.

We have to cast the correct seed. We are always casting seed but we have to know if it is good seed. The enemy is going to cast some tares in our field so we need to understand that we cannot control what others sow but we can control what we sow.

We have to understand that we only plant seed and water. It is God that gives the increase.

1Co 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

1Co 3:7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

1Co 3:8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

We have to understand that at times we are going to be planting the first seed of the Good News gospel into the lives of someone. At other times we may be watering a seed that had already been planted at some time before.

It is not for us to worry about whether this a persons first time having the seed planted in their heart or this is the tenth time of watering a seed.

The key is that we need to get up and get busy and active planting some seeds!!

How do we plant seeds?

We have prepared our ground through prayer and fasting, reading and studying his word. So how do we go about planting seeds?

The seed we cast is through personal evangelism

Your testimony:

We need to be ready to share the most powerful outreach tool we have in our arsenal! Our testimony is powerful because it happened to us. We are telling the story first hand and people can see and feel the sincerity of our testimony as we tell them.

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Inviting others to church:

We have to learn to be sensitive to God. We have to capitalize on those moments that God has orchestrated in our life to reach out to someone who is hurting, weary, and tired. We pray for God to give us opportunities to reach out to others.

When someone comes to you and begins to unload all their problems. We often times will sympathize with the people. We pat them on the back and tell them I know where you are coming from.... When we need to be reaching out to them and simply say I can see your hurting or troubled and I think it would help you tremendously to come to church.

The church is where these people need to be... They need to hear the preached word of God. They need to be encouraged by the body of Christ. Church thousands of people in our community are not going to make it to heaven. Thousands of people are going to be lost and we owe it to them to invite them to the place that they can hear the truth preached and find the hope, help, and healing they have been looking for so diligently.

We need to become the sower who is constantly casting that good seed and seeing a bountiful harvest come from the field. **The seed is never cast unless the sower gets up and gets moving for God!**