

Dear Friend,

Joh 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

What is the purpose of planting a seed? Is the purpose just to see the seed die and perish forever? No. Is the purpose just to see a new plant grow that only produces one seed identical to the one planted? No. There are no plants like that on planet earth because that was never the plan of the Father for seeds.

What is the purpose of planting a seed? It is to produce a plant that contains many seeds, and each one of those seeds being able to do the same thing the first seed did. Did you ever think of that in connection with what Jesus said in John 14:12?

Joh 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

In the natural realm this truth is obvious. We know that if we plant a corn seed into the ground, that seed dies. But then new life comes forth in the image of the seed that was planted. In the case of corn, in each seed there is the image of a complete corn stalk, and that stalk will contain multiple ears of corn, and each of those ears will contain many seeds ... each seed able to do what the first seed did.

Jesus was willing to die because His faith believed that His life would be duplicated in the lives of millions of believers, and that each one of those believers would be able to do the same works He did.

We see this principle work every harvest season in the natural realm. Why have we not seen it work the same way in the spiritual realm? One thing we know for sure, there is no problem with the seed. Jesus Christ is the seed, the Word of God, and when you were born again, the Word of God was sown into your heart. The Word of God, Christ in you, is perfect in every way. The Word of God, Christ in you, is incorruptible. Peter said it this way:

1Pe 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

There is no problem with the seed. The problem is with the ground. We are the ground. Jesus taught at length on this process in the parable of the Sower in Mark chapter four. There are four kinds of ground mentioned in that chapter.

1. Wayside ground produced no fruit.
2. Stony ground produced no fruit.
3. Thorny ground produced no fruit.
4. Good ground produced fruit in various amounts.

Jesus explains why the first three types of ground produced no fruit.

1. Lack of understanding ... no hunger to know the truth.
2. Lack of commitment ... loving this life more than God
3. Love of the world ... more than loving the kingdom of God.

In this letter, let us focus on the fourth type of ground ... ground that produces fruit.

Mar 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.

Growing up in Oklahoma, many of my relatives were farmers. I have seen all sorts of harvests, both good and bad, in my lifetime. I have seen bad harvests in times of drought. They planted good seed into good ground, but lack of water prevented a good harvest. When you shucked the ears of corn the seeds produced did not look like the original seed that was planted. They were shriveled up from lack of moisture.

To produce a harvest, there is more involved than just planting the seed. The seed must be watered.

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

It is obvious from that verse that one form of watering the seed is to receive good teaching ... which is what Apollos did. Another way of watering the seed is to spend time praying in the Holy Spirit. Very often the Holy Spirit is referred to as water ... the rain ... a river, etc. Jude said that praying in the Holy Ghost was one of the primary ways of building ourselves up ON OUR MOST HOLY FAITH. Well, Faith comes from the Word of God as we hear it. That is the seed. Building ourselves up on our most holy faith (the Word in us) is to water it by praying in other tongues.

Jud 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

The goal is to produce a one-hundred-fold harvest. It is imperative that the watering be done DURING THE MATURING PROCESS.

Mar 4:26-29 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; (27) And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. (28) For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. (29) But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

Without maturity, there will be no one-hundred-fold harvest. We are seeking a world-wide revival, the likes of which have never been seen before. We are seeking a one-hundred-fold harvest that will require the full maturity of the seed which has been sown. We are seeking the literal manifestation of Christ in us, our hope of glory.

Do not become weary in well doing. Continue to water the seed with prayer and fasting. Continue to spend intimate time with our Lord in worship and meditation in the Word of God. **THE BEST IS YET TO COME!**

Your co-laborer for Christ,

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