

TRUSTING GOD

Soul-winning
Prov. 11:30

Prov. 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and
he that winneth souls is wise.

“The Results We Can Expect from our Soul Winning Efforts”

Mt. 13:3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

4 And when he sowed, some *seeds* fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Psa. 126:5 **They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.**

6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, **bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing**, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

Tonight, we consider the parable that Jesus taught regarding the results we can expect when we are sowing the precious seed of the Word of God.

I. THE EFFORT EXPECTED “...Behold, a sower went forth to sow;”

A. We Received our Orders

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

Rom. 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and **how shall they hear without a preacher?**

15 And how shall they preach, **except they be sent?** as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Hag. 2:19 **“Is the seed yet in the barn...”**

Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: **The seed is the word of God.**

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

B. We're Required to be Obedient

1 Cor. 4:1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man **be found faithful.**

Jn. 15:8 **Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit;** so shall ye be my disciples.

II. THE EFFECT EXPLAINED

A. The Wicked Rejection – “way side”

Mt. 13:4 And when he sowed, some *seeds* fell by **the way side**, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

Mt. 13:19 When any one **heareth the word** of the kingdom, and **understandeth *it not***, then cometh the wicked *one*, and catcheth away that which was **sown in his heart**. This is he which received seed by **the way side**.

Original Word: συνίημι

Transliteration: suniémi

Definition: I consider, understand, perceive.

syniémi ("put facts together") means to arrive at a *summary* or final understanding (complete with *life-applications*). Accordingly, *syniémi* is closely connected with discerning and doing "*the preferred-will of God*".
<http://biblehub.com/greek/4920.htm>

Mt. 13:15 For this **people's heart** is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and **their eyes they have closed**; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should **understand with *their* heart**, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Acts 28:27 For **the heart** of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and **understand with *their* heart**, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Prov. 9:10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and **the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding**.

B. The Wishy-washy Resistance – “stony places”

Mt. 13:5 Some fell upon **stony places**, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and **because they had no root**, they withered away.

Mt. 13:20 But he that received the seed into **stony places**, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; 21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth **because of the word**, by and by he is offended.

Original Word: σκανδαλίζω

Transliteration: skandalizó

Definition: I cause to stumble, cause to sin, cause to become indignant, shock, offend.

skandalízō – properly, *set a snare* ("*stumbling-block*"); (figuratively) "to hinder right conduct or thought; *to cause to stumble*" – literally, "to fall into a trap"

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4624.htm>

Mt. 11:6 And **blessed is he**, whosoever shall **not be offended in me**.

C. The Worldly Ruin – “thorns”

Mt. 13:7 And some fell among **thorns**; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

Mt. 13:22 He also that received seed among the **thorns** is he that heareth the word; and **the care of this world**, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and **he becometh unfruitful**.

Mark 4:19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and **the lusts of other things entering in**, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

Luke 8:14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and **pleasures of this life**, and bring no fruit to perfection.

D. The Wise Reception – “good ground”

Mt. 13:8 But other fell into **good ground**, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

Mt. 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.



The Twelve Disciples = thirtyfold

Peter, James, and John = sixtyfold

John = hundredfold

- “heareth the word” = diligent student of the Scriptures (2 Tim. 2:15)
- “understandeth it” = applies holiness to living the principles (Prov. 9:10)
- “beareth fruit” = is used of God, for His glory (John 15:1-7)

III. THE ESTEEMED ENDORSEMENT

Mt. 13:9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Jn. 8:47 “He that is of God heareth God's words...”

Jn. 15:8 **Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit;** so shall ye be my disciples.



Conclusion

Gal. 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: **for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.**

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

9 And **let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.**

2 Cor. 9:6 But this *I say*, **He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.**

7 Every man according **as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give**; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.