

THE SOWER SOWS THE WORD
MESSAGE 6: DEVELOPING GOOD GROUND, PART 1
[16 APRIL 2023]

• **FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURE:**

- FROM *THE MESSAGE TRANSLATION*: Luke 6:46 - 48
 - (46) “Why are you so polite with me, always saying ‘Yes, sir,’ and ‘That’s right, sir,’ but never doing a thing I tell you?”
 - (47) These words I speak to you are not mere additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundation words, words to build a life on.
 - (48) "If you work the words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who dug deep and laid the foundation of his house on bedrock. When the river burst its banks and crashed against the house, nothing could shake it; it was built to last.

I. **Opening Our Eyes to the Truth:**

- a. Ephesians 1:16-18
 - i. God IS the Father of Glory
 - ii. God IS Wisdom & Revelation (Knowledge)
 - iii. Verse 18: Know = to have an intimate working relationship with
 - iv. The Hope (expectation) of God’s Calling (invitation) to all men

II. **Called to Glory & Virtue:**

- a. 2 Peter 1:2-3, 10
 - i. Called = invited to participate in an event
 - ii. The more knowledge of God we work in our life the higher the level of Grace & Peace will operate in our Life
 - iii. Glory = splendor, brightness, the Glorious position of being BLESSED (empowered to prosper and succeed)
 - iv. Virtue = moral excellency, power & authority
 - v. Jesus to Pastor Jerry on 4/12/23 @ 8:50 am: “If the invitation gets lost in the translation, then you won’t know how to get there.”

III. Heed the Instructions:

- a. Luke 6:46
- b. John 14:21-23
 - i. (John 14:23) Jesus replied, “Loving me empowers you to obey my word. And my Father will love you so deeply that we will come to you and make you our dwelling place.
 - ii. Mark 11:22 = a command = “HAVE FAITH IN GOD”
 - 1. Faith instructions begin with: “HAVE FAITH IN GOD”
 - a. Confidence to obey, live by & operate in God’s Commands (DAILY)
- c. Proverbs 4:13, 18, 20-27
 - i. Verse 13: The Bible & Church time are instruction time, aids & manuals for life in the Kingdom of God
 - ii. Every increase in “Light” is an increase in “FAITH”